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World

Afghanistan opium wars: Afghanistan is on its way to becoming a 'marco-state' and U.S. and NATO-led forces in the country should get more involved in fighting the drug trade as well as terrorists, according to a U.N. report released Thursday.

The agency found that this year's cultivation of opium — the raw material for heroin — was up by nearly two-thirds. Bad weather and disease kept production from setting a new record, although it still accounted for 87 percent of the world supply, up from 76 percent in 2003.

The illegal trade is booming despite political progress in the country, including the first presidential election, and local drug control efforts led by British military advisers

Darfur negotiations: A swift conclusion of an agreement to end the 21-year civil war in southern Sudan is critical to solving the rest of the problems in Africa's largest country, government, rebel and U.N. officials told the U.N. Security Council on Thursday.

The council was meeting in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, to focus attention on Sudan's two civil wars and an enormous humanitarian crisis. Southern rebels have been fighting the government since 1983, and the western region of Darfur erupted into violence in February 2003.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan urged the Security Council on Thursday to issue "the strongest warning" to all of the forces fighting in Sudan. He added that an agreement to end the war in southern Sudan would provide a basis for bringing peace to Darfur

Space station troubles: A Russian space transport ship failed to fully raise the orbit of the International Space Station in preparation for next month's docking of a supply ship, a Russian news agency reported Wednesday.

Alexander Kireyev, head of the ballistic coordination group at Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow, said the docked Progress transport ship was supposed to raise the orbiting station by about 2.8 miles, but the ship's engines were not strong enough.

He said the station was raised by only 1.68 miles, but that it would still be enough to allow a new transport ship, scheduled to be launched from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Dec. 23, to dock.



Bonfire tragedy commemorated: A visitor views the memorial to honor the 12 students who died and 27 others who were injured during the Nov. 10, 1999, collapse of the Texas A&M University bonfire in College Station, Texas. The memorial was the site of an intimate and silent ceremony Thursday, as hundreds gathered at 2:42 a.m. — the exact time of the collapse — on the grassy field where 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured in 1999. The \$\$ million memorial's centerpiece is a circle of 12 rectangular arches, one for each victim. They are connected by 27 large stones, symbolic of those injured.

Kidnapped U.N. workers: Three U.N. workers kidnapped three weeks ago in the Afghan capital remain out of reach, a government official said Thursday, as the world body appealed anew for their release.

Armed men seized Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan, British-Irish citizen Annetta Flanigan and Shqipe Hebibi of Kosovo on Oct. 28, in the first kidnapping of foreigners in Kabul since the fall of the Taliban three

"There is no update," Interior Ministry spokesman Latfullah Mashal said Thursday America and considered ways to move against them, according to newly released testimony.

"There were two simultaneous plots, one in Jordan and one in the United States, and they both involved American citizens," Bush administration critic Richard Clarke testified in June 2002 before a congression-

al inquiry into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The release of Clarke's 2002 testimony stems from Republican attempts to undermine his criticism of the Bush administration.

States

Peterson trial: The attorney representing Scott Peterson, who was convicted of killing his pregnant wife, wants a new jury in a different county to decide whether Peterson gets the death penalty or life in prison with-

out parole.

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos made the request in a motion filed Wednesday in San Mateo County Superior Court. The details will not be made public until after Judge Alfred A. Delucchi reviews the file before the scheduled start of the penalty phase Monday morning, which could now be delayed.

Al-Qaida intelligence: The Clinton administration was deeply concerned in 2000 that al-Qaida sleeper cells existed in North

Military

Brownlee resigns: Les Brownlee, the highly decorated Vietnam veteran who served as acting secretary of the Army for 18 months after Thomas White was fired, submitted his resignation Wednesday.

submitted his resignation Wednesday. In a brief statement, the Pentagon said Brownlee's resignation is effective Dec. 3.

Browniee, 65, joined the Bush administration as undersecretary of the Army in November 2001. He took on the added responsibilities of acting secretary in May 2003, when Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfield dismissed White after a series of disputes over the pace of the Army's force modernization.

On Tuesday, the Senate confirmed Francis J. Harvey as the next Army secretary.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press



USS Vincennes cracks down on drug use

Sailors found guilty to date have been kicked out of Navy or sent to jail

Stars and Strings

Eighteen USS Vincennes sailors determined to have used illegal drugs have been jailed or discharged from the U.S. Navy since June for drug offenses

"In accordance with Navy's zero-tolerance policy on illegal drug use, Commander U.S. Seventh Fleet has an aggressive detection and enforcement prostated Cmdr. Scott Gureck, a 7th Fleet spokesman, responding Thursday to an e-mail news query

"Drug use will simply not be tolerated in the Forward Deployed Naval Force, and those who use drugs should know that they cannot 'beat the system,' " he noted.

Investigators from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, with assistance from Japanese investigators, initiated an investigation based on a tip they received in

June that one or two Vincennes sailors were using drugs, he stated

"The majority of the illegal drug use occurred off base. In one instance two sailors used drugs while the ship was under way, endangering other crew members and potentially affecting the ship's readiness," Gureck stated.

"No accidents or injuries have been linked to the drug-use cases," he added.

The NCIS investigation ultimately uncovered evidence that 19 sailors used marijuana, cocaine and designer drugs such as Ecstasy (methylenedioxymethamphetamine). The Navy declined to provide the names of those involved

"Eighteen of the 19 Vincennes sailors were found guilty of illegal drug use. Two sailors involved in trading drugs with other crewmembers were convicted at courts-martial" in June. "Both served a term

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of confinement," Gureck wrote from the USS Blue Ridge, Seventh Fleet's flagship, while it was under way near Saipan.

"The remaining sailors were processed for administrative separation from the Navy. They all received less than honorable discharges. In fact, 95 percent received an Other Than Honorable Discharge, a black mark on an individual's record with a lifelong career-limiting impact," he stated.

An other than honorable discharge is the most severe of ad-ministrative discharges, according to a Navy judge advocate gena sailor commits "one or more acts that constitute a significant departure from the conduct expected from members of the naval service.

Initiating an NCIS investigation is one of several actions taken by 7th Fleet in enforcing the Navy's zero-tolerance policy for illegal drug use

Other actions include more random urinalysis testing, better test monitoring and sequestering individuals selected for testing so they are unable to take actions to counter the testing, the spokesman stated.

"The commanding officer has been, and will continue to conduct random urinalysis to the maximum extent allowed: 40 percent of the crew per month,' Gureck stated.

Lt. Cmdr. John Maksym, Yokosuka's military judge, dismissed one of the Vincennes cases in Occommander might not be sufficiently "neutral and detached" to preside over post-trial proceedings, according to a previous Stars and Stripes report.

"Judge Maksym sent the case to Rear Adm. James Kelly, Commander, Carrier Strike Group 5, of which the Vincennes is a part. Rear Adm. Kelly has since decided to administratively separate the sailor from

the Navy," Gureck noted.

"There will always be a small percentage of sailors who think they can use illegal drugs and not get caught," he stated when asked why one ship has so many offend-

...
'The fact is that sailors who choose to use illegal drugs will be caught," he added.

The investigation into the source of the drugs continues.

Nancy Montgomery contributed to this F-mail Greg Tyler at:

Sweets, party mark Essex halfway point

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

Halfway through a deployment in the North Arabian Gulf supporting the war in Iraq, sailors serv-ing on the USS Essex received a super sweet deal last week The deployment allowed some culinary creature

comfort on Nov. 13, the final day in the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, as well as Monday during a flight deck cookout, stated a Navy news report released Thursday.

Kuwait Naval Force Deputy Director of Operations Lt. Col. Abdul Al-Owaish boarded the ship bearing gifts of more than a dozen boxes of Ku-waiti-style baklava. The baklava was put on the mess decks for the crew to enjoy.

"I've brought our sweets aboard as a show of friendship," noted Al-Owaish. "I'm happy with the relationship we've built between us (the Essex and Kuwaiti forces) and to give the Essex's crew a sample of a traditional Ramadan dessert for all to share. ... It's an honor to be here.'

Petty Officer 3rd Class Trent J. Thurston, a firefighter, stated he loved sampling the delicacy, and in the report, he pointed to the interesting difference in what people aboard Essex expected of baklava, and what it proved to be.
"The Kuwaiti baklava is more of a cookie than

the Turkish style," Thurston noted.

In a separate opportunity, the Essex crew gathered on the flight deck Monday, lit a fire in a long charcoal grill and flipped hamburgers and hot dogs en masse while enjoying the afternoon "steel beach" picnic, Commander Task Force 76 officials said Tuesday

The Essex is the flagship for Commander Amphibious Squadron 11. The deployed Essex Amphibious Ready Group is made up of the Essex, USS Juneau and USS Harpers Ferry

Along with the USS Fort McHenry, rescue and salvage ship USS Safeguard, and minesweepers USS Guardian and USS Patriot, the Essex ARG ships typically operate from Sasebo Naval Base,

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Sailors enjoy a steel beach picnic celebration on the flight deck of USS Essex on Sunday, Essex is an amphibious assault ship currently operating as the flagship for Commander, Amphibious Squadron 11. The Essex Amphibious Ready Group is operating in the North Arabian Gulf in support of the sovereign government of Iraq. The ship and crew typically operate from Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.

'Champagne Chef' visit

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Keith Jones, known as the "Champagne Chef," will appear at several functions on base this weekend.

An award-winning cook who specializes in French techniques, Jones uses his chef's audiences with unique antics and in-depth

presentations of culinary artistry. On Friday, he was slated to visit the Samurai Café from 10:30 to 11 a.m., followed by a cooking demonstration near the commissary's produce section from noon to 2 p.m. After attending the Samurai Taiko Team's weekly practice from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center, Jones was to conduct an other demonstration in the base exchange from 9 to 10 p.m. The "Champagne Chef" is to return to the

commissary's produce section on Saturday for a cooking demonstration from noon to 4 For more information, visit his Web site

at www.champagnechef.com

Food drive to aid orphanage

Cub Scout Pack 34 at Camp Zama, Japan, is holding its annual food/baby items drive from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday outside the Sagamihara Housing Area Commissary.

All collections will be donated to the Aikeikai Orphanage in Machida, which houses children 5 and vounger. The following items are needed: rice, canned fruits and vegetables, diapers, dehy-

drated potatoes, wet wipes, baby food, juice boxes and bottled juice. The Zama Cub Scouts are to deliver the

donations to the orphanage tentatively on

Contact Tom Snider at DSN 263-4233 or den4@zama-pack34.com for more information

From staff reports

Correction

A photo caption on the front page of Friday's edition misidentified the airplane shown. The aircraft being refueled was a Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15.

Winter bike ban relaxed

By JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripe:

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan - Bicycle enthusiasts are rejoicing: Two wheels no longer are an outlawed winter mode of transportation at this northern Japan base

Brig. Gen. Bill Rew, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa installation commander, announced at Thursday evening's town hall meeting at Tohoku Enlisted Club that he plans to rewrite the community standard prohibiting residents from riding bicycles on base between Nov 15 and March 31

"I've always had trouble with the '15 November thou shall not ride bikes anymore until I say so' kind of thing," said Rew, who served a previous tour at Misawa as 35th Operations Group commander from 1998 to 2000. "I've always said if I'm king, I want to change it. And so today. I've changed it.

The winter bike ban has been a prickly topic among base residents, especially because Japanese who live and work on the base are permitted to ride their bicycles year-round. Rew said the topic was raised again this week at mandatory winter aware ness briefings.

Many adults and children like to ride bikes for fun, fitness or "just for transportation," he said Sometimes winters are late, sometimes spring comes early, and often sidewalks may be passable for weeks after the snow is cleared, he added

Those kind of inconsistencies I want to address as the wing commander," Rew said. "I hate legislating judgment down to the level that irritates peo-

Base residents still won't have carte blanche to ride bicycles in winter time; some rules will still apply. Rew said he's instructed wing safety personnel to add a bicycle symbol daily to the commander's access channel, depicting when the roads and sidewalks are and are not OK for bicycles.

Those who prefer motorized two-wheel transport aren't as fortunate: The Nov. 15 to March 31 motorcycle ban still holds.

"I am legislating that judgment and I'm not going to apologize for it," Rew said. "The weather changes very quickly here in the winter and you can very easily get yourself in a very dangerous situation. We've had a number of motorcycle accidents this year: we've hurt some airmen and some Japanese folks."

With Rew at the meeting to answer questions was

a panel of base military and civilian leaders ject matter experts and those representing various units. Questions were taken via e-mail before the meeting and in person and by phone during the two-hour session. The event was televised on base

and broadcast on EDGE Radio 1575 AM. About 100 people did not get their questions answered, base officials said. Some of those unanswered queries were to be addressed Friday morning during the Commander's Open Line Radio Show and in the base publication "Northern Light

Topics that did receive air time Thursday included speeding - too much - and parking - not enough. Rew was asked what can be done about drivers who speed through the parking lot in front of the Potter Fitness Center. The commander agreed the issue needs to be addressed and said base leaders will consider temporary speed bumps and other possible remedies

Rew said he plans to start holding meetings next week about inadequate parking for the housing towers due to recent force protection landscaping. "I'm not convinced we're maximizing the parking

spaces that we have," he said. One caller complained about Potter Fitness Center rules he thought too restrictive; they prohibit his son from playing basketball there without adult sunervision

"I want him to stay active instead of playing video games," the man said.

Rew agreed, adding that after reviewing Air Force Instruction, he changed the policy. The same rules that apply to 14- and 15-year-olds at Potter now also apply to 13-year-olds: They can use the bas-ketball and racquetball courts without supervision but must be with an adult when using the weight room or cardiovascular machines.

Other topics raised throughout the evening included the gas prices at Misawa's Army and Air Force Exchange Service station. Misawa Naval Air Facility Command Master Chief Michael McCarthy noted that gasoline is 20 cents less per gallon at Navy bases in Japan

Another caller complained about lack of maternity clothes at the base exchange. AAFES general manager Wayne Hansen said the store doubled its maternity merchandise from last fall and will do so again this spring.

"We now have four sales fixtures on the floor" plus holiday wear, he said

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JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Str

Rick Gomez, manager of Los Guerreros restaurant at Misawa Air Base, Japan, talks to his staff before lunchtime customers arrive Tuesday. The 35th Services Squadron recently opened the Mexican restaurant at Gosser Memorial Golf Course to replace Pancho Villa restaurant, which closed earlier this year.

Misawa hopes diners say 'si' to overhauled Mexican restaurant

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -Fajitas are sizzling again at the golf course.

Los Guerreros is the second Mexican restaurant to open this year in the spacious 96-seat dining facility next to Gosser Memo-rial Golf Course, overlooking Lake Ogawara.

Officials with 35th Services Squadron are trying to woo back customers with pledges of top-notch service and good food.

'If folks haven't come to experience us yet, I think they'll find some of the best customer service and a great dining experience, said Tony Holmes, general man-ager of Misawa's officers and enlisted clubs.

44If you walk in The restaurant threw its grand with a party of opening event last week, though a quiet "soft opensix, the party of ing" was held in six will aet October while staffers finished served at the training. Holmes same time

This

said

around, the 35th General manager of Misawa's Services Squadron is taking the enlisted and officers clubs helm of Misawa's much-anticipated Mexican res-

taurant. "We felt that Services could supply the community's needs better than a contractor," Holmes

The restaurant formerly was named Pancho Villa and run by holder concession Tokyo-area restaurateur Dave Scott. Scott runs a small Pancho Villa near Sagamihara and one at Yokota Air Base.

Before Scott's tenure, Misawa Air Base sank about \$600,000 into building renovations, including a redesigned kitchen, outdoor patio and Mexican-themed interior. When Scott opened Pancho Villa in late March, expectations were high, base officials said. But he was cut loose in July. Base officials said then that they couldn't disclose why due to the nature of their contract with Scott. Customers interviewed at the time by Stars and Stripes complained of lousy service.

Holmes said diners won't be disappointed again.

"As far as the other restaurant, there were three major concerns," he said, "good customer service, food that tastes good and if you ate at the other restaurant, everybody will be able to appreciate this - everybody gets served at the same time.

"If you walk in with a party of k," he pledged, "the party of six will get served at the same time. Holmes helped launch Los

Guerreros, which translates as "The Warriors." The executive chef of Yokota Air Base's Officers

Club, who has experience in San Antonio's Mexican restaurant business, designed the recipes and spent two weeks at Misawa training the kitchen staff, Holmes said.

He said menu selections comparable to the former restau-rant, although the

recipes differ. Lunch and dinner menus are the same; in the future, he said, the staff hopes to create a lunch menu for customers short on time.

Tony Holmes

Restaurant manager Rick Gomez said the chicken enchila-da is unusual "because it comes with a white sauce" but the faiita seems to be most popular.

"We serve it on a sizzling platter," he said, which turns heads. 'Next time customers come back. they want to get the faiita.

Los Guerreros will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays It will be closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays, Call the restaurant at DSN 222-4639 for more information. Reservations are not accepted.

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If she ran the school ...



JIM O'DONNELL/Stars and Strines

Shirley Lanham Elementary School first-grader Kiersten Maurer talks to Talented and Gifted reso er Tracy Heinrichs about her winning poster for American Education Week. Kiersten won a \$10 Navy Exchange gift certificate for her poster describing what she would do if she were principal. Kindergarten and first-grade entries were in the form of posters, while entrants in second grade and above wrote essays. The other winners from SLES were: kindergarten, Jaelyn Coefield; second grade, Caezar Corpuz; third grade, Joyce Goolsby; fourth grade, Airi Yamada; fifth grade, Aldrin Lalas; sixth grade, Nikki de los Reyes.

U.S. troops may have found al-Zargawi HQ

BY TINI TRAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. troops sweeping through Fallujah on Thursday said they believe they have found the main headquarters of the insurgent group headed by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

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In video shot by an embedded CNN cameraman, soldiers walked through an imposing building with concrete columns and with a large sign in Arabic on the wall reading "Al Qaida Organization" and "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger."

Inside the building, U.S. soldiers found documents, old computers, notebooks, photographs and copies of the Quran.

Al-Zarqawi last month renamed his group al-Qaida in Iraq, and his followers have been blamed for a number of deadly bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages, including three Americans and a Briton. The United States has offered a \$25 million reward for his capture or killing—the same amount as for Osama bin Laden.

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The senior U.S. Marine commander in

Iraq cautioned that the discovery by soldiers

in Fallujah still was being investigated.

Official: CARE worker killed

CANBERRA, Australia — Australian Prime Minister John Howard said Thursday a body found in the strife-torn Iraqi city of Fallujah likely was that of kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan.

Howard did not say which body he was referring to but on Sunday, Marines found the mutilated body of what they believe was a Western woman on a street in Fallujah during the U.S. assault on the in-

surgent stronghold.

Hassan was a British citizen born in Ireland and married to an Iraqi man.

"I cannot stand here and tell you that we

From The Associated Press

"I cannot stand here and tell you that we found the command and control house or building where Zarqawi went ahead and or-chestrated and dealt his [car bombs]... and the other death and destruction that he has spread throughout the country of Iraq." I.t. Gen. John Sattler told reporters at the Pentagon in a video teleconference from Fallujah. "We will continue to look for that."

In neighboring Jordan, authorities detained al-Zarqawi's nephew near the border with Iraq, a distant relative and a clergyman close to the family said Thursday.

The clergyman and the relative, both of whom spoke on condition of anonymity, said security officials had informed the family that Mohammed al-Harahsheh was detained last month. The relative said al-Harahsheh was being questioned on suspicion of attempting to infiltrate into Iraq to join his millitant uncle.

Calls to Al-Zarqawi's family home in Zarqa, an industrial city northeast of the Jordanian capital, Amman, went unanswered

Also, Sattler said the U.S.-led offensive launched last week in Fallujah has "broken the back of the insurgency" by seizing their main base of operations.

"We feel right now that we have, as I mentioned, broken the back of the insurgency. We've taken away this safe haven," he said

Sattler's conclusion was far more optimistic than an assessment made shortly before the offensive by Marine intelligence officers, who said the insurgency would rebound if U.S. troop levels in the area were significantly reduced after the offensive.

Sattler cautioned however, that insur-

gents remained a threat. A group attacked U.S. Marines and Iraqi government forces from a house inside Fallujah on Thursday, killing one Marine and one Iraqi soldier, Sattler said. One Marine and one Iraqi soldier also were wounded.

dier also were wounded. Sattler said the total U.S. death toll so far in the Fallujah offensive, which began Nov. 7, stands at 51, with about 425 wounded in

U.S. and Iraqi forces arrested 104 suspected guerrillas in an insurgent neighborhood in central Baghdad, including nine who are believed to have fled Falluigh, intetrior Ministry spokesman Sabah Khadim said. Most were Iraqis, although Syrians and non-Iraqi Arabs were among the oroum be said.

Also, insurgents detonated a car bomb near a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad and a roadside bomb exploded at a job recruiting center in the northern city of Kirkuk in attacks that killed a total of four people and wounded eight, police and officials said.

Insurgents also fired 10 mortar rounds at the provincial administration offices in the northern city of Mosul, wounding four of the governor's guards, authorities said. Gov. Duraid Kashmoula was unhurt in the attack, spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said.

Services tell Congress: Fight in Iraq requires more funding

BY ESTHER SCHRADER Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Continued fighting in Iraq is straining U.S. forces nearly to the breaking point, even as the Pentagon pumps more than \$5.8 billion per month into sustaining its forces there, the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines told Congress on Wednesday.

In testimony to the House Armed Services Committee, the service chiefs said the military would need considerably more money for Iraq over the next year. The chiefs of the Army and Marines in particular stressed the increasing difficulty of recruiting and retaining soldiers, and then equipping them for combat.

"Make no mistake, today we are at war," Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, told lawmakers. "And we should not make the mistake of thinking this war will end in a year or two."

The Marine Corps is spending about \$300 million per month on the missions in Iraq or Afghanistan, Hagee said, and is deploying its forces on a new "one to one" ratio of seven months deployed, seven months home, and then another seven-month deployment.

In the past, Marines were accustomed to a "one to three" tempo, being deployed for six months, allowed to remain at their home base for 18 months before they could be expected to set said again, Hagee said.

In the last year, as the insurgency in Iraq has grown, 'the demand on the force has increased exponentially,' Hagee said. "This demand is especially telling in the strain on our Marines, their families, and on our equipment and materiel stocks."

The Corps has activated "approximately 99 percent of selective Marine Corps reserves" to meet deployment needs, Hagee said.

As for equipment, approximately 13 percent of the Marines' ground equipment and 25 percent of aviation equipment is deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, Hagee said, adding \$8 billion to \$10 billion in extra maintenance costs to the service's budget.

For the Army, which has 110,000 soldiers serving in Iraq — five times as many troops as the Marine Corps — the strain sparticularly acute, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker said.

Overall, with 145,000 reserve component soldiers mobilized, the Army now has 640,000 to 650,000 soldiers on active duty, which is 25,000 soldiers more than Congress has authorized the active force, Schoomaker said.

Moreover, the service is not only prosecuting its largest, most extended war since Vietnam, it is also doing a 180-degree reorganization into smaller, more independent formations.

To do both Iraq and transform at the same time is "like tuning a car while the engine is running," Schoomaker said.

A top priority for the Army is increasing the number of armored Humvees in Iraq, Schoomaker said, "but it's been a moving target," because the requirements keep increasing

The service now has about 5,600 armored Humvees in Iraq, with a goal of having 8,600 by next year, Schoomaker said. The service has also made the decision to armor all of its vehicles in that country, he said, mostly with add-on kits that manufacturers are now racing to turn out by the thousands.

The Army has also sent more than 400,000 sets of body armor to its forces in Iraq but needs 373,000 more this year, Schoomaker said.

The service needs so many sets of armor because it is responsible for providing the equipment to all U.S. military and civilian government forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as Iraqi security services and coalition partners.

The Army has also scrapped its former practice of "swapping out" protective equipment at staging areas in Kuwait from departing units to those about to go into Iraa Schoomaker said

Instead, the Army's goal now is to pro-



From left, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Michael Hagee and the ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., talk before the start of Wednesday's House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington.

vide advanced body armor to units before they leave the United States, so troops can train and become accustomed to the gear, the four-star chief said.

The Army is also rushing to provide its troops with 41,600 more radios, 33,500 M-4 carbines and 25,000 machine guns, and to repair thousands of tactical wheeled vehicles, Schoomaker said.

"I'm talking about quite a large-scale deal," he told the committee.

The Air Force also is feeling the strain, Gen. John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, told lawmakers.

Right now, there are 30,000 airmen deployed to 16 bases in Southwest and Central Asia, Jumper said, and the high deployment tempo has forced service officials to "reset deployment time from 90 days to 120 days."

Meanwhile, about 20 percent of the Air Force, airmen whose skills are in very high demand, such as security forces, are often deployed for 180 days and as long as one year, Jumper said.

In order to assist the Army with its skills shortages, about 2,000 airmen have been trained by soldiers and are doing truck convoy duty over in Iraq as well, Jumper said.

Committee members expressed their concerns regarding the strains on both troops and equipment.

"It's obvious our people are tired, and we're wearing out our equipment at a faster rate," Democrat Ike Skelton of Mississisppi, the ranking minority member of the committee, said. "We're at the breaking point on equipment."

Considering the tempo of operations in Iraq, especially lately, such conditions are understandable, Skelton said.

But "what's not understandable is our inability to address this issue before it becomes a real crisis," he said. "We've got to be honest. Our servicemembers and families should be sure to have the necessary forces" to complete their missions.

Stripes reporter Lisa Burgess contributed to this report.

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Sadr City a blueprint for Fallujah's rebirth

Some troops believe their reconstruction efforts to be a model for rebel stronghold

BY KATARINA KRATOVAC The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Goats nibble on rotting vegetables, barefoot children scavenge through garbage and women in black robes scuttle over slivers of pavement to avoid raw sewage floating down the street. As U.S. soldiers pass by, the bustle continues uninterrupted.

This is Sadr City, Baghdad's biggest slum, home to over 2 million Shiite Muslim inhabitants and the stronghold of the militant Shiite cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr.

Violence has convulsed the area twice this year, with U.S. soldiers battling al-Sadr's militia in April and again in the summer before an October cease-fire.

But these days, Sadr City is an experiment in peace, one some U.S. military officials believe could be a model for Fallujah once resistance there is suppressed.

"Fallujah and Sadr City are not all that different," said Capt. Zachary Miller. "What we are doing in Sadr City could quite possibly be a blueprint for turning around Fallujah."

"There was truly a time when all the neople who were out here on the streets were out to do us harm." Miller added. "All we did was fight. Now we are helping them start a better life."

Two months ago, the idea of Sadr City serving as a model for anything positive seemed preposterous. Clashes turned en tire blocks into war zones. Women and children disappeared from the streets

Militiamen, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, tanks and gunships took center stage

"We were fighting really heavily here and look at Sadr City now," said Capt. Jason Bullock, of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division. "If someone told me a couple of months ago I'd be walking like this through here, I'd think they were

"But it's a deceptive calm," Bullock added. "Everything can change in a" blink of an eye.'

Key to success has been a government program to buy back weapons from Shiite fighters. The program may not have weakened al-Sadr, who still commands fierce lovalty in the slum where crumbling walls are plastered with his picture. But it did help calm tensions and put desperately needed cash in the hands of many ordinary people.

Reconstruction has also played a major role in ending the turmoil. The U.S. Army has provided \$330 million for basic services in Sadr City, \$134 million of which is already being spent, said Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Some 16,000 workers, most from Sadr City, have been enlisted to repair pumping stations - adding brick walls to guard against insurgent attacks - run power lines and bring potable water to the slum. Eleven miles of new pipes are stored at a depot on Sadr City's southern edge.

"This is the key ingredient, for the first time, clean water and electricity will get directly to the houses in Sadr City," Chiarelli "We are not only fixing it, we are helping them have a hope for their lives and

Mohammed Radhi, 33, earns \$6 a day digging a sewer line in the dusty earth. For



Iraqi children stand next to a flooded street in Sadr City, Baghdad, on Oct. 22. Some in the U.S. military believe the experiment in bringing peace to Baghdad's Shiite Muslim slum of Sadr City could be a model for Fallujah, once the city is subdued.

him, it's more than a job, "I am building a new country for myself, a new Iraq.

But 40-year-old Falih Hussein, a father of eight doubts the Americans will suc-

"This place hasn't changed in 20 years. Nothing works here," he said, carrying a bag of overripe bananas. "What makes them think they can change it?"

Capt. Miller says Sadr City has already changed and credits the creation of jobs. "You give one guy a job and it's one less shooting at us.

Lt. Col. Dave Batchellor says his troops' daily 12-hour presence on Sadr City streets took some steam off the militia

"First we got the IEDs off the streets." says Batchellor, referring to homemade

bombs of Improvised Explosive Devices. Then we just stayed there. That's when the turnaround came. They saw we weren't

"Now we are showing them that 'sweat' projects — sewage, water, electricity and trash — can work. It can turn their life around," he added, as a tractor-trailer drove by with four men scooping up the trash.

But it's still a sensitive time in Sadr City. In some places, sewage is knee-deep and henatitis and typhoid are prevalent.

Batchellor shrugs when he hears some U.S.-brought improvements attributed to

"Muqtada made them help us. He is ours and if he says fight the Americans, we'll do it again," says Sheik Jamal Hani Auda, 70. "If he is good with them, so are we."

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday at least 1.214 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 944 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said as of Wednesday. The figures include three military civilians The AP count matches the Defense De-

partment's tally as of Wednesday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President

Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,076 U.S. tary members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 835 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers

The latest deaths reported by the mili-

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by

■ Army 1st Lt. Luke C. Wullenwaber, 24, Lewiston, Idaho; killed Tuesday when an explosive detonated near his military vehicle in Khaldiyah, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

Army Staff Sgt. Marshall H. Caddy, 27. Nags Head. N.C.: died Tuesday in a vehicle accident in Khaldiyah, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp

Greaves, Korea Army Pfc. Jose Ricardo Flores-Mejia, 21, Santa Clarita, Calif.; died Tuesday when an explosive hit his convoy in Mosul, Iraq; assigned to 25th Transporta tion Company, Schofield Barracks, Ha-

■ Army Spc. Daniel James McConnell, 27, Duluth, Minn.; died Tuesday in a vehicle accident in Kirkuk, Iraq; assigned to 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

■ Army Pfc. Isaiah R. Hunt, 20, Green Bay, Wis., died Monday in a vehicle accident in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

■ Marine Lance Col. George J. Payton. 20, Culver City, Calif.; killed Sunday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton,

Army Pfc. Cole W. Larsen, 19, Canyon Country, Calif.; died Saturday in a ve-hicle accident in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to 272nd Military Police Company, 21st Theater Support Command, Mannheim. Germany.
Killed Monday in Anbar province, Iraq

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Jeramy A. Ailes, 22, Gilroy, Calif.; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Travis R. Desiato 19, Bedford, Mass.; assigned to 1st Battal-ion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Shane E. Kielion, 23, La Vista, Neb.; assigned to 3rd Battal ion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Divi-sion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Ma-Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. William L. Miller, 22, Pearland, Texas; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Marine Sgt. Rafael Peralta, 25, San Diego; assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

■ Marine Capt. Patrick Marc M. Rapiault, 34, St. Augustine, Fla.; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Marc T. Ryan, 25, Gloucester, N.J.; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Antoine D. Smith, 22, Orlando, Fla.; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Lance Cpl. James E. Swain,

20, Kokomo, Ind.; assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Lance M. Thompson, 21, Upland, Ind.; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

IN THE WORLD

Powell says Iran trying | Italy offers way out of U.N. cloning dispute to fit missiles for nukes

BY ALAN CLENDENNING

The Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile - The United States has intelligence indicating Iran is trying to fit missiles to carry nuclear weapons, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell

Powell partially confirmed claims by an Iranian op-position group that Tehran is deceiving the United Nations and is attempting to secretly continue activities meant to give it atomic arms by next year.

"I have seen intelligence which would corroborate what this dissident group is saying," Powell told re-porters Wednesday as he traveled to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Santiago.

Pressed by reporters on the intelligence reports. Powell said the intelligence indicates that Iran "had been actively working on delivery systems" capable

of carrying a nuclear weapon.

Powell said there is no evidence to suggest that Iran has developed the technology to make a nuclear weap on, but suggested that the regime is working to adapt

missiles for nuclear warheads. "I'm talking about information that says that they not only had these missiles, but I'm aware of information that suggests they were working hard as to how to put the two together," Powell said. A senior official for the National Council for Resisput the two together

tance in Iran said Tuesday that a bomb diagram — along with an unspecified amount of weapons-grade uranium — was provided to Iran by Abdul Qadeer Khan, the disgraced former head of Pakistani's nuclear development which was tied to both Iran and

tween 1994 and 1996, while Khan delivered HEU highly enriched uranium — in 2001.

Banned in the United States as a terrorist organiza-

tion, the group was instrumental in 2002 in revealing Iran's enrichment program in the central city of Na-tanz, based on what it said was information provided by sources in Iran.

The opposition group says a facility at Lavizan-Shian northeast of Tehran was part of a secret nu-clear weapons program.

Powell declined comment on Khan, but said, "For 20 years, the Iranians have been trying to hide things from the international community. Iran says its sole interest is to generate nuclear fuel

through low-level uranium enrichment, but the United States suspects Iran wants to produce weapons-grade enriched uranium. nrichment does not violate the Nuclear Nonpro-

liferation Treaty, but the International Atomic Energy Agency and most of its memberswants Iran to enrichment plans as a confidence building

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said the claims by the United States and the dissident group were intended to damage Tehran's relations with Europe and the U.N. nuclear agency.

Iran announced suspension of enrichment last week, and the agency said it would police that commitment starting next week, in advance of a Nov. 25 IAEA board meeting.

The pledge reduced Washington's hones of having the board refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council for alleged violations of the Nonproliferation Treaty.

BY NICK WADHAMS The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Italy has offered a compromise on human cloning that seeks common ground among U.N. member states who are sharply divided over competing treaties to ban the practice, diplomats said.

It was too early to say whether the compromise will help settle the dispute before Friday, when the U.N. General Assembly's legal committee had planned to vote on the two offers if the sides couldn't agree on one text, Belgian diplomat Marc Pecsteen

"We're making progress," Pecsteen said on Wednesday.

The issue of a global treaty on human cloning has exposed a stark rift in member states' attitudes. A proposal from Costa Rica would ban all human cloning, while the other, from Belgium would ban reproductive cloning but allow countries to use embryos for stem cell and other

The Italian offer is a modified version of an old Belgian text. Pecsteen said. He said the Italian changes were not acceptable to the Belgians, but talks were con-

The document, obtained by The Associated Press, calls on nations to ban attempts to create "human life" through cloning. That's a revision of the old text. which called on nations to prohib-it creating "human beings" through cloning

That change is key because it

gets to the heart of the dispute

over cloning: Many opponents argue that an embryo is human life, while fewer see it as a human being. This sleight of hand on the wording could help everyone to agree on a treaty. A U.S. official, speaking on con-

dition of anonymity, viewed the Italian offer favorably but said a vote on the two treaty proposals was still possible.

Either way, observers said the Italian offer may be a sign that the two sides have all but given up trying to agree and are seeking a way to save face and drop the issue

That's because the Costa Rican and Belgian documents, if passed, would seek a world treaty on cloning. The Italian offer, on the other hand, is only a declara-tion outlining U.N. member states' stance and would not call for a treaty.

Locusts swarm into Egypt, causing havoc

BY PAUL GARWOOD

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - In an echo of the biblical plagues, millions of locusts swarmed into northern Egypt on Wednesday for the first time in 50 years, prompting authorities to order emergency pesticide spraying to protect the region's important agriculture in-

Clouds of the red insects, up to 2¾ inches long, flitted about over Cairo, while others hopped around on rooftops. By evening, the skies were clear.

Christian Pantenius, program coordinator of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization office in Egypt, said the swarm was an offshoot of a serious locust infestation in West Africa that was blown by strong winds across the Sahara. He said locusts also were spotted in Crete and Lebanon

Pantenius said the locusts were showing no sign of moving farther south along the agriculturally rich Nile River valley, and he predicted the swarm most likely would head southeast toward the Red Sea coast, which is an annual locust breeding ground between November and March.

Locusts, which normally live between two and six months, eat their weight - about 0.07 ounces in crops every day. They can travel as much as 120 miles in a

"People are very afraid that it may cause damage to agricultur al production, but to what extent the agricultural sector could be damaged is difficult to say," Pan-tenius said. Agriculture Minister Ahmed el-Leithy said the locusts appeared to pose no serious threat to Egypt's crops "because the swarms are continuing to move and are not fully grown.' But he said 50 pest eradication teams had been rushed out to spray pesticides in farm areas.

Farmers without pesticides set smoky fires and made loud noises with machinery in hopes of keep ing locusts away from their fields

Alitalia flights canceled due to strike

ROME — More than 170 Alitalia flights will be canceled Friday when air traffic controllers walk off their jobs for four hours, the Italian airline said.

n altrune said.
The nationwide strike was to start at noon.
Alitalia said Thursday that 78 domestic flights and 94 international flights would be canceled, while several flights would be resched-

From The Associated Press



U.S. dollar continues its plunge in the Pacific

By VIIRI KAGEVAMA

The Associated Press

TOKYO - The U.S. dollar tumbled to its lowest rate in years against key Asian currencies Thursday after a top U.S. official indicated indicated the government wouldn't intervene to halt the American currency's recent slide worldwide

dollar fel1 four-and-a-half-year low against the Japanese yen and a seven-year low against the South Korean won and hovered near six-year lows against the Singapore dollar.

Analysts attributed Thursday's plunge to comments by U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow in London on Wednesday, that "no one has ever devalued their way to prosperity" but the "only way to get prosperity is to follow the mar-ketplace."

Snow said the United States favors a strong dollar, but his comments were still interpreted as ruling out official intervention in currency markets and renewed the markets' view that President Bush's administration is happy to watch the dollar fall Some Asian officials have been

worried the United States will start relying on a weak dollar to fight the ballooning American trade and budget deficits. In Tokyo, the dollar fell late



A pedestrian is reflected on a digital screen flashing the quotation rate of the nose-diving dollar against the Japanese yen Thursday in Tokyo.

Thursday to 103.76 yen, its lowest level since April 2000, down 1.30 ven from late Wednesday

On Thursday, several Japanese financial officials expressed concern about the dollar's moves, and the top government spokesman said Japan was ready to intervene as it has done in the past to prop up the dollar.

But traders now believe Japan probably won't intervene until the dollar falls below 103 yen.

"I'm concerned about foreign exchange levels and they need to be watched very closely," Japanese Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki said.

Against the South Korean won, the dollar finished at 1,065.4 won, a seven-year low. It closed Wednesday's at 1,081.4 won.

Last week, the Bank of Korea said the won's gains were exces-sive and called for action, following a \$4 billion dollar-buying spree by the bank.

We are thoroughly monitoring to prevent speculative engagement in our currency market. said South Korea's Minister of Finance and Economy, Lee Hun-Jai.

ese worker cleans up a toilet Wednesday at the hotel where the 2004 World Toilet Summit is being held in Beijing, China. The three-day summit is expected to attract 150 academics, sanitation experts, toilet designers and environmentalists from 19 countries as far away as the United States, Finland, Germany, Japan and Nepal.

Toilets No. 1 focus of Beijing summit

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Jack Sim

BY AUDRA ANG The Associated Press

BEIJING - Laugh all you want, say public hygiene experts at the World Toilet Summit, but the im-portance of "loos" you can use is no ioke.

The three-day event, which began Wednesday in Beijing, is an international commode conference. Some 150 scholars, toilet de signers and environmentalists from 19 countries gathered to exchange ideas on topics such as the latest toilet technologies, lavatory management tips and the relation ship between toilets and tourism development.

"People are say ing 'We want good toilets!' because toilets are a basic 44 You can laugh at human right and that hasic human right has been ne glected," Jack Sim, founder of the World Toilet Organization, a co-sponsor of the summit.

China, for fetid public toilets that often are little more than open trenches, is eager to show off its advances while preparing for the 2008 Reijing

Olympics. Dele gates to the conference are to be taken on a tour of new and renovated public toilets

in Beijing But with a packed conference schedule of slide shows, lectures and question-and-answer sessions, there was very little room for humor.

"You can laugh at it for a short time," said Sim, whose group is based in the hyper-clean island na tion of Singapore. "But after a few seconds, you should start to nay se rious attention to the subject" that affects your quality of life.

The convention is in its fourth year, with Singapore, Seoul and Taipei as previous hosts. Participants this year came from countries as far away as Finland, Japan and the United States.

were also displayed at the confer-ence, from a ladybug-shaped one in a public garden to another modeled after a grass hut in a wildlife park. Facilities with baby-changing stations, wheelchair ramps and gleaming white ceramic urinals also were featured.

"New public toilets are an important symbol to demonstrate the development of the city," said Guangsheng, deputy director of Beijing's Municipal Administrative Committee.

In the past three years, Beijing has spent \$29 million on building or renovating 747 restrooms at tourist spots, according to the city

government. "The toilets are sanitary, conve-nient and private," Yu Changjiang, director general of the city's tourism bureau said. The city also aims to make them suitable for users of all ages, for the disabled, and energy and water-efficient.

The city has come up with a rating system of one to four stars for its public wash rooms, reportedly based on such criteria as granite

Founder. World Toilet Organization floors, remote-sensor flushes, automatic hand-driers

and piped-in music. The capital now has 88 four-star lavatories, 161 that qualify for three stars, 312 for two and 110 for one. Countless others, are perhaps best not mentioned.

Maintenance is as important as construction, said Simon Tay, one of the speakers at the summit

"It's something that China needs to think about," said Tay, chairman of Singapore's National Environment Agency, a govern-ment organization. "I hate the word luxury toilet because, really, good toilets should be an everyday common thing. It doesn't have to look like the Shangri-La toilet ... in order for it to be something that we can be proud of."

Recovered artifacts help keep Afghan history alive

BY THOMAS H. MAUGH II

Los Angeles Times

More than 22,000 treasures from the Kabul Muse um in Afghanistan, long thought to have been lost in the war against the Soviet Union and the subsequent cultural purge by the Taliban, have been located in bank vaults and other safe places where they were hidden by museum officials.

The priceless Bactrian gold collection, precious ivo-ries, bronze statues and other artifacts of 5,000 years of history on the Orient's Silk Road - virtually all of the museum's most precious items - were preserved despite the devastation engulfing the country, archeologists said Wednesday.

The discovery of the Bactrian gold was announced this summer, but a just-completed inventory revealed that virtually all of the museum's most precious items are intact, said Oxford University archeologist Fre-In the midst of the resistance against the Soviets, a

team of curators in the early 1980s boxed up the most valuable pieces in the museum's collection, stashing them in various vaults around Kabul, the Afghan capital. The curators used small safes, tin boxes, steel containers and anything else they could find at hand. They then went "dead quiet," said British archeolo-

gist Carla Grissman, keeping their knowledge to them-selves even as rumors floated widely about the destruction and looting of the museum's contents. They kept their secrets for a quarter of a century.

"These are the real heroes of this story," said Hie-

Hiebert was brought in this spring to catalog the gold with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Geographic Soci-

Now that the artifacts have been inventoried, they have all been packed up again and stored in a once-again secret location until the government can find a new home for them.

The Kabul Museum has been restored, but security there is not sufficient to protect the artifacts. Curators hope to build a state-of-the-art museum in central Kabul, but no one is sure where the money will

The Kabul Museum was a small facility housed in a 1920s-era federal building about 30 minutes outside the city center. Although it was small, Hiebert noted, "it is said that every piece [it had] was a masterpiece.

Because it straddles the Silk Road that camel caravans used to transport textiles from China to Europe and pottery, artworks and other materials in the opposite direction, Kabul was a prosperous city throughout much of civilization's early history.

As a result, the museum held objects from a string of civilizations that conquered or traveled through the region, including the Bactrians, Kushans, Greeks and Buddhists

Unfortunately, the museum's neighborhood became a frontline in the fighting against the Soviets and the building was shelled into a windowless, roofless hulk. Many of the artifacts that had not been removed were blasted to shards.



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Celebration marks opening of Clinton library

BY DAVID HAMMER

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Top Clinton administration officials, both Presidents Bush, rock stars and ordinary admirers of Bill Clinton turned out Thursday to pay homage to "a man of compassion" at the opening of the Clinton Presidential Center.

An estimated 30,000 guests were on hand for the dedication of the \$165 million glass-and-steel home of artifacts and documents gathered during Clinton's eight years in the White House.

Clinton, President Bush, and former presidents George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter took the stage together while the Air Force Concert Band played "Hail to the Chief." Their wives had arrived on the stage moments earlier, and all held their own umbrellas against steady rain.

The nation's 42nd president told the crowd, "I believe the job of a president is to understand and explain the time in which he serves, to set forth a vision of where we need to go and a strategy of how to get there, and then to pursue it with all his mind and heart

He paid tribute to the people of Arkansas, his family, his predecessors and his colleagues, and he said he tried to combine the best of conservatism, maintaining what is worth keeping, and progressivism, discarding what is not.

He said he was disappointed by the divisions revealed in the just-ended presidential campaign, wondering if he only American who liked both candidates 'We all do better when we work togeth-

From left, former first lady Rosalvnn Carter, former President Jimmy Carter, former first lady Barbara Bush, former President George H. W. Bush, first lady Laura Bush, President George W. Bush, Chelsea Clinton, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton watch from under umbrellas at the William I. Clinton Presidential Center during opening ceremonies in Little Rock, Ark., on Thursday.

er," he said. "Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more. In his remarks, Carter admired Clinton for his "insight, wisdom and determina-

"He was a leader who could inspire other people to go beyond what they

thought were their own limits in accom-plishing great goals," Carter said. Clinton, still recovering from his Septem

ber cardiac surgery, often chuckled and slapped his thigh during the others' remarks. He sported a new hairstyle, brushed flat over his forehead instead of

sweeping back.
U2's Bono and The Edge played the Beat-les song "Rain," before Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton introduced her husband in remarks cut short by the weather.

Clinton's library collection consists of more than 80 million presidential items, and Clinton has promised to give scholars vice and other documents he isn't required to release until 2006

What to see there...

The Associated Press

Visitors to the Clinton presidential library in Little Rock, Ark., should allow at least two hours for a visit, according to library director David Alsobrook. For their \$7 admission fee, they'll see:

 A presidential timeline that highlights Clinton's eight years in office. The first panel features a quote from Clinton's first inaugural address: "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America."

Fourteen alcoves that highlight significant themes from Clinton's presidency. One discusses "The Fight For Power," and places Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky with the president's policy battles with the

■ Extended treatment of Clinton's peace efforts in Northern Ireland, the Balkans and the Middle East, and his efforts to mend race relations in America.

Scores of gifts Clinton received in his world travels. The cultural significance of many artifacts, many with unique craftsmanship, would make them suitable for any museum, not necessarily one dedicated to Clinton's presidency.

■ A replica of the Oval Office, down to the collection of military medallions Clinton gathered during visits to bases and

Alsobrook says visitors who want to take in everything should allow four hours.



Former President Bill Clinton, left, and President Bush talk at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center during opening ceremonies in Little Rock, Ark., on Thursday.

early access to previously private policy adforts worldwide.

BY TERENCE HUNT The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - During the dedication of the Clinton Presidential Center, in a cold, drenching rain. President Bush made small talk under umbrellas with former President Clinton after praising the one-time political foe he once scorned as a man who diminished the honor and dignity of the Oval Office.

Bush, the 43rd president, described Clinton, the 42nd, as "an able and energetic American," a leader who showed the world "his brilliance and his mastery of detail. his persuasive power and his

The elder Bush, driven from the White House by Clinton in 1992 called his successor "one of the most gifted American politi-

Bush braves rain to honor former foe cal figures in modern times Trust me, I learned this the hard

way His son made clear that the Bush family does not hold a grudge against Clinton.

"During his presidency, Bill Clinton seized important opportunities on issues from welfare to free trade," the president said. "He was a tireless champion of peace in the Middle East. He used American power in the Balkans to confront aggression and

"And in all his actions and decisions, the American people sensed a deep empathy for the poor and the powerless," Bush said

halt ethnic cleansing

The wives of the four presidents walked out to the stage each with an umbrella. Their husbands followed with no umbrellas

As the men took their places. the women hurried to try to cover Bush first took refuge under Chelsea Clinton's umbrella, posing for pictures with his arm around her, then settled on pairing with his wife. Barbara Bush eventually prevailed in convincing her apparently reluctant husband, the elder Bush, to come under her umbrella as well

Clinton congratulated Bush on his re-election, but could not help offering some advice. Recalling that his failure to see a lasting Middle East peace accord was the "biggest disappointment" of his White House tenure, Clinton wished the president "Godspeed" in his own efforts on that front.

"I hope you get to cross over to the promised land of Middle East peace," Clinton said.

Officials say possible new case of mad cow found

By JOHN HEILPRIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A second case of mad cow disease may have turned up in the United States but the suspect meat has not entered the food chain, Agri-

culture Department officials said The officials released few details and refused to say where the possibly diseased animal was found. They said it would be four

Thursday

to seven days before more could be confirmed, a delay that livestock industry representatives said would cause turmoil in the heef market. Mad cow disease, or bovine

spongiform encephalopathy, attacks an animal's nervous system. People who eat food contaminated with BSE can contract a rare disease that is nearly always fatal, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob

The possible case comes 11

months after the United States had its first case of mad cow disease. Japan and other countries are still maintaining bans against U.S. beef as the result of the earlier case.

Suspicions about another case of the disease came because of an inconclusive test result, officials

"The inconclusive result does not mean we have found another case of BSE in this country," said Andrea Morgan, associate deputy administrator of the USDA's Ani

Service

mal and Plant Health Inspection She said the inconclusive re-

sults "are a normal component of screening tests, which are de signed to be extremely sensitive so they will detect any sample that could possibly be positive.

"It is important to note that this

animal did not enter the food or feed chain." Morgan said, "USDA remains confident in the safety of the U.S. beef supply. Our ban on specified risk materials from the

human food chain provides the protection to public health, should another case of BSE ever be detected in the United States.

Morgan said initial efforts had begun to trace back the animal from where it was tested to the farm from which it originated.

In the only confirmed U.S. case, Canadian-born Holstein was

found to have been infected, but just that one case caused Japan and more than three dozen other countries to refuse U.S. beef.

Reviewer: Public 'defenseless' against FDA-approved drugs

BY DIEDTRA HENDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American public is "virtually defenseless" if another medication such as Viox proves to be unsafe after it is approved for sale, a U.S. government drug safety reviewer told a congressional committee Thursday.

"I would argue that the FDA as currently configured is incapable of protecting America against another Vioxx," said David Graham, who warned that the arthritis drug had been linked to an increased risk of heart attack and stroke.

He told the Senate Finance Committee that there were at least five other drugs on the market today that should be looked at seriously to see whether they should remain there. He cited the acned rug Accutane, the weight loss drug Meridia, the anti-cholesterol drug Crestor, the pain reliever Bextra, and the asthma drug Serevent.

Vioxx's maker, Merck and Co. pulled the drug from the market on Sept. 30 after a study indicated the popular pankiller doubled the risk of heart attacks and stroke when taken for longer than 18 months.

Raymond V. Gilmartin, the company president, said in prepared testimony that Merck acted within four days of learning about the risk.

"Given the availability of alternative therapies and the questions raised by the data withdrawing Vioxx was consistent with an ethic that has driven Merck actions and decisions for more than 100 years." he said.

Gilmartin also said the company was surprised by the cardiovascular risk because it differed from past clinical trials.

The Food and Drug Administration has defended its actions regarding Vioxx. In a statement issued late Wednesday, the agency cited its "well-documented and long-standing commitment to openness and transparency in its review of marketed drues."

However, Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, who chaired the hearing, suggested that an independent board of drug safety might be needed to ensure the safety of medications after they're approved for the market.

"Consumers should not have to second-guess the safety of what's in their medicine cabinet,"

Graham told the committee that research indicated that Vioxx caused up to 160,000 heart attacks and strokes.

"If we were talking about Florida or Pennsylvania, 1 percent of the entire state population would have been affected," he said. "I'm sorry to say Sen. Grassley. but 67 percent

"I'm sorry to say Sen. Grassiey, out 6/ percent of the citizens of Des Moines would be affected and, what's worse — the entire population of every other city in the state of Iowa."

Graham said his research helped to coax the FDA to withdraw a number of drugs including Fen-phen, a weight loss drug, Lotronex, Baycol and Rezulin.

"During my career I have recommended the market withdrawal of 12 drugs," he said. "Only two of these remain on the market today."

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Critics question FDA reaction to flu vaccine crisis

BY MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An influential Republican lawmaker joined Democratic critics Thursday in asking whether the Food and Drug Administration reacted slowly to problems with U.S. flu vaccine.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said he wants to know when the prospect of a vaccine shortage involving Chiron Corp., the maker of 50 million doses of tainted vaccine, became clear to the Bush administration.

"Of particular concern is the question of whether Chiron and/or the U.S. government had sufficient notice from available evidence to take additional steps to safeguard against this sudden shortage," Barton said in letters also signed by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich, the committee's senior Democrat. The letters were sent Thursday to Chiron, the FDA and the Department of Health and Human Services, its parent agency.

Barton and Dingell said earlier inquiries about the FDA's role as chief protector of the U.S. drug supply revealed "flaws in the FDA's ability to track and inspect foreign firms that send drug products to the U.S."

FDA said it was taken by surprise when the U.S. supply of flu vaccine was cut in half in October. Democratic lawmakers said the agency should have seen it comine.

Documents provided by the FDA to a congressional committee show that inspectors uncovered contamination and unsanitary conditions at Chiron's vaccine manufacturing plant in Liverpool in 2003. Yet the agency did not re-inspect the facility until

after similar problems surfaced

Acting FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford said the 2003 problems and those that tainted this year's vaccine were unrelated. "The proof of that is that the 2003 vaccine production was completed on schedule and none of it was condemned," Crawford told the House Government Reform Committee at a hearing Wedness-

FDA inspectors who visited the Liverpool plant in June 2003 found records of bacteria concentrations a thousand times the expected level, said a report distributed by committee Democrats.

The preliminary inspection report from last month indicates in three places that deficiencies found in 2003 had not been corrected.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said Crawford's assertion was part of a "pattern of misleading statements." The FDA might have averted or at least mitigated the vaccine shortage if it had been virilant. Waxman said.

Instead, Waxman said, the FDA rejected its own inspectors' recommendations for a formal warning to Chiron and asked the company to correct problems voluntarily.

Even after Chiron indicated Aug. 25 that several million doses of vaccine had been contaminated, Waxman said, the agency remained passive, relying on weekly conference calls with the company rather than a new inspec-

U.S. officials continued to assure the public that there would be sufficient vaccine as recently as two weeks before they learned that was not the case.

"My criticism is that the FDA didn't do enough to stay on top of this," he said in one of several tense exchanges with Crawford.

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"Evacuees" make their way up the loading ramp of a C-130 bound for Tsuiki Air Base on Kyushu, Japan, during the NEO phase of exercise Keen Sword 2005.

Atsugi actors star in Keen Sword NEO drill

U.S., Japanese role players practice civilian evacuations

BY JIM O'DONNELL Stars and Strings

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — Marine Sgt. Christopher David was waiting in line Thursday.

He, with 50 other Japanese and American volunteers, waited in a chilly hangar off Atsugi's flight line Thursday morning to board a C-130 aircraft and fly to a Japan Air Self-Defense Force base on the southwestern island of Kyushu, out of the "danger zone."

David was among a group of role-player "evacuees" in the NEO (noncombatant evacuation operation) part of the Keen Sword 2005 exercise focusing on evacuating noncombatants. Despite the chill, he said he was comfortable and thought the operation was going smoothly. The Marine sergeant was among some 14,400 people

who took part in the Japan-wide exercise simulating the defense of Japan.

The exercise was to conclude Friday. Thursday's por-

tion was designed to test the Evacuation Control Center operations crucial to an NEO, said NEO coordinator Capt. Craig Petersen of the Third Force Service Support Group.

"ECC is designed to transport U.S. citizens or local citizens out of a hostile area," he said. "It's a way to process, keep track of and account for them in an orderly fashion, out of the hostile environment."

Volunteers were run through five different ECC processing stations Thursday, experiencing the same basic procedures as any commercial airline passenger, from identity verification and baggage checks to being scanned before boarding for weapons and contraband.

"We can process about 60 people an hour," said Peters-

After the "evacuees" arrived on Tsuiki, the JASDF base, they were to be turned over to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs "for the next leg of their NEO journey," Petersen explained, "a trip by a Japanese CH-47 helicopter to another base on Kyushu representing a 'safe haven' or friendly country."

In a real evacuation, he said, from there, they could be placed on a civilian aircraft "to get them where they need to go."

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make their way to the loading ramp of the C-130 bound for Tsuiki Air Base on Kyushu Left: Lance Cpl. Jeff Zeltner, left, scans "noncombatant evacuee" Lance Cnl. Jermaine Reese's identification number into the Evacua tion Control Center NEO tracking system during the NEO phase of the Keen Sword 2005 exercise. Above left: Lance Cpl. Beth Grauer, with wand, scans "evacuee" Lance Cpl. Lydia Davey for contraband at one of the Evacuation Control Center stations.

Far left: "Evacuees"



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1 year later. gavs enjoy married life

BY JENNIFER PETER

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Since the highest court in Massachusetts declared that the state constitution guarantees gave the right to marry, it's the intangible joys - not the material benefits - that newlyweds say they savor.

While marriage entitles gay couples to state financial protections and familial rights, many instead talk about a feeling of accep-

"I've been called 'Mrs..' " said Gail Leondar-Wright, who married Betsy, her partner of 13 years, on May 23. "None of us ever thought we would be called a

Rod and Lindel Hart revel in the simple act of checking off the "married" box on applications, even on federal forms that do not recognize their union

"I will never, ever check the 'single' box again," said Rod, 31, of Greenfield.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court made the state the first to sanction same-sex marriages a year ago Thursday, and the aftershocks are evident in the daily lives of the thousands of couples who took vows they once didn't believe possible.

The effects also were evident after this year's elections, when 11 states pushed through constitutional amendments banning gay marriage, joining six others that had done so earlier. President Bush has promised to make a federal anti-gay marriage amendment a priority of his second term

Massachusetts also is working on a new ban that would conform



ya McCloskey, left, and Marsha Kadish of Malden, Mass of the first gay couples to legally wed in the United States. It was a year ago Thursday that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the state constitution guaranteed same-sex couples the right to marry.

Paper anniversary

It's been one year since the Massachusetts high court ruled that gays have the right to marry in the state

Since the decision took effect, nearly 3,000 certificates have been filed by same-sex couples.

Here comes the pride: While it entitles them to rights and protec-

tions, many gay married couples emphasize a feeling of acceptance. Can it last?: Massachusetts lawmakers have a new gay-marriage ban in the works that would conform with the court's ruling by allowing civil unions. It won lawmakers' approval this year, but must be approved in a consecutive session before it's submitted to voters

- The Associated Press

ing civil unions According to an Associated Press review of wedding certificates publicly recorded with the state since May 17, when the court decision took effect, at least 2,980 certificates have been filed

by same-sex couples

with the court's ruling by allow-

"It feels good that there's somewhere in the United States where it's not a big deal," said Brenda Henson, 59, of Centreville, Miss., who married Wanda, her partner of 20 years, earlier this year in Massachusetts

"They welcomed us with open

Report: 9/11 victim payouts inequitable

BY CHRISTOPHER LEE The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The federal compensation for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks could have been distributed more fairly and efficiently if equal payouts had been given to all families instead of basing awards on factors such as the victim's age and potential lost income, according to the fund's administrator.

Kenneth Feinberg, special mas-ter of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 said that the varving sizes of individual awards, required by Congress, led to "finger-nointing" among victims and a sense that officials were placing a higher value on some lives than on others. It also greatly complicated the task of calculating comon for those who suffered losses after terrorists slammed airplanes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania, he said.

"I had the firefighter's widow saying to me, 'Mr. Feinberg, why am I getting a million dollars less than the stockbroker's husband. who was pushing a pencil on the 103rd floor and my husband died a hero? I must be missing some-thing," Feinberg said in an interview Tuesday

Feinberg, who released his final report Wednesday, stressed that he believes the overall program was a great success. His sentiments about uniform, or "flat," awards are personal observations, he said, not official conclusions. He also noted that the fairness and feasibility of any flat-award system would depend on the size of the awards and the extent to which accepting the compensation restricts the re cipient's right to sue in court. "I think a flat system is better.

you cannot, I think, create a

fair and equitable flat-payment sys tem unless you address somehow the questions of how much [the payment is] and are you curtailing the right to litigate?" Feinberg said in an interview. "If the flat payment is

too small, you'll litigate."
Congress established the fund shortly after the attacks as part of legislation that provided billions of dollars to struggling airlines and protected the industry from potentially crippling lawsuits. People sought compensation from the fund were required to waive their right to sue but in return received money sooner and with greater certainty than they would have through legal action.

John Coffee, a professor at Co-lumbia Law School, said a flat-award system would have prompted more victims to sue, creating more delays, and, ultimately leaving some deserving people with nothing. Tailored awards have more appeal, he said.

"I don't know why someone who has got six children and would have had 40 more years in which to earn money to support them, why that person should get the same award as someone who is 72 and was already retired," Coffee said. "I do see why some individualization of the award to each victim's circumstances is necessary if the system is going to be perceived as equitable and just."

The fund paid out its first claim on Aug. 22, 2002, and its final payment is expected in the next few weeks. In all, more than \$7 billion went to the survivors of 2.880 people who were killed and to 2,680 people who were injured in the at-tacks or the rescue efforts that fol-

lowed, according to the report.
Families of the people killed collected awards averaging more than \$2 million, and the injured drew payouts \$400,000. averaging



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Study: Running key Radiocarbon dating raises questions to human evolution

BY BRYN NELSON Newsday

As sprinters, even elite human athletes would be left in the dust by galloning horses, greyhounds and pronghorn antelopes. Our largely overlooked success as endurance runners, however, may be key to our early anatomical evolution, according to a new review of past research.

"We're very odd runners." said Daniel Lieberman, one of the study's co-authors and a biological anthropologist at Harvard University. "But we do it really well. We're actually designed to do it."

The ability to run marathons makes us unique among primates and can render other animals mere also rans according to evidence gathered by Lieberman and University of Utah biologist Dennis Bramble that will be published Thursday in the journal Na-

A wide range of features in the human body, including our long Achilles tendons, large joints, long legs, narrow waist, balanced head and ample buttocks all have given us a leg up on the competi-

Fossil evidence suggests these assets may have arisen as early as 2 million years ago, perhaps allowing our early Homo habilis or Homo erectus ancestors to reach food before competitors such as hyenas, or to chase down prey until it dropped from exhaustion.

This added source of protein and fat, Lieberman and others speculate, might have provided the energy for yet more anatomical changes: larger bodies, smaller guts and higger brains

akin to the flexing and rebound ing of springs, a motion depen dent on tendons in our legs and Chief among these spring-like tendons is the Achilles, more developed in humans than in any other primate.

"There's no reason to have those springs if you're not a run-ner," he said. "Just the Achilles tendon alone is unquestionable evidence for running.

In the body's lower half, large ioints act as shock absorbers to cushion impact when a runner's heel hits ground. And our, um, rather large rear ends? "It's one of our most distinctive characteristics," Lieberman said. "If you look at a chimp, it's got a tiny rear

As Stony Brook University anaspecialist tomical Jungers put it, "It's no coincidence that in chimpanzees, the same muscle is called gluteus superficialis, and in humans, it's called gluteus maximus."

Several studies suggest human runners compare favorably to animals such as hvenas, horses and hunting dogs in maintaining a reasonable speed over long distanc-

With existing fossil evidence. Lieberman and Bramble also compiled more than two dozen body features that may have arrived as early as 2 million years ago to buttress endurance running

The available evidence should comfort less-than-fleet-footed marathoners with the knowledge that they could likely beat any chimp or hyena

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina -A leading archaeologist says he has discovered what could be sooty evidence that humans lived in North America tens of thousands of years earlier than is commonly believed.

University of South Carolina archaeologist Al Goodyear said Wednesday he has uncovered a layer of charcoal from a possible hearth or fire pit at a site near the Savannah River.

Samples from the layer have been laboratory-dated to more than 50,000 years old. Yet Goodyear stopped short of declaring it proof of the continent's earliest human occupation.

"It does look like a hearth," he said "and the material that was dated has been burned.

Since the 1960s, anthropolo gists have generally accepted that hunters migrated to North America about 13,000 years ago over a land bridge into Alaska following the retreat of Ice Age gla-

But other sites, including the Topper dig in South Carolina. have yielded rough stone tools other artifacts suggesting that humans lived in North Ameri ca thousands of years earlier when the climate was much colder. While there is no ironclad proof that an older culture existed, scientists are increasingly open to the idea that humans arrived from many other directions besides the northwest, perhaps even sailing across oceans.

But a 50,000-year-old fire pit would scorch the prevailing occunation theory.

Goodyear's evidence was examined by other scientists, who performed radiocarbon tests on sam-

ples to determine their age. However, he made his initial



University of South Carolina archeologist Al Goodyear holds a "chisel-like" tool Wednesday which was found at the Topper dig site in Allendale County, S.C.

case for the fire pit Wednesday in a news conference, rather than publishing the data in a scientific journal edited by other research-

Goodyear, who has worked the Topper site since 1981, discovered the charcoal layer in May.

Thomas Stafford, director of Stafford Laboratories in Boulder Colorado, then took samples of the substance for tests at the University of California at Irvine.

The results showed that wood varieties - oak, pine, red cherry and buckeye - had been burned in a low-temperature fire at least 50,300 years ago, he said.

Stafford described the burnt layer as measuring 2 or 3 inches thick and about 2 feet wide. Rather than a simple black band in the soil, Stafford said the layer had the "shape of a very shallow

He said it could have been the result of a fire tended by humans

despite five years

of focused atten-

tion, people do not

or the ashes could have been deposited by wind, rain or flooding.

Other researchers were more skeptical of Goodvear's discovery, noting that previous claims of very old occupation at other sites have never been verified

"We still need to be cautious," said Vanderbilt University anthropologist Tom Dillehay. "I would not yet rewrite the books.

The find is very significant and shows that there is much we don't understand and can't easily reject or accept.

Other scientists were blunter. "I think it's a 50,000-year-old geologic deposit," said University of Texas archaeologist Mike Colline "It has almost nothing to do with the story of the neonling of North America.

Modern humans are believed to have emerged from Africa 100,000 years ago and spread around the world, elbowing out less capable human cousins like Homo erectus and Neanderthals.

Worries about hospital mistakes increasing, survey finds

BY CECI CONNOLLY The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Americans are increasingly worried about dangerous - even deadly - mistakes in hospitals, but an overwhelming majority say the solution lies in easy-to-read, published safety report cards, not more medical lawsuits, a national survey released Wednesday

Five years after the Institute of Medicine issued a landmark report on widespread, preventable deaths in U.S. hospitals, the new poll shows confidence in the healthcare system has declined and pressure to reform it has

More than half of 2,000 adults surveyed say they are dissatis-fied with the quality of health care, up from 44 percent in 2000. At the same time, 92 percent said reporting of medical errors should be mandatory, according to the poll by the Kaiser Family

Foundation, the Harvard School of Public Health and the federal Agency Healthcare Research and Oual-

mous frustration, few people indicated a desire to use the courts as recourse, calling into question policymakers' renewed interest in malpractice legislation, said Harvard pollster Robert Blen-

"They do not view the malpractice system as the way to resolve these problems," he said. "They would like the medical errors re ported by a public agency, have the agency release it and then have it printed in some kind of Consumer Reports, and then they can go somewhere else" for

About one-third of those sur veyed said either they or a family member had experienced a

More than half of 2,000 adults surveyed say they are dissatisfied with the quality of health care, up from 44 percent in 2000.

> medical error, yet only 11 percent of them said they had sued for malpractice. By much larger margins, respondents favored remedies such as suspending the license of a doctor or nurse who makes medical errors.

In the 1999 report "To Err is Human," the IOM estimated that between 44,000 and 98,000 people die in hospitals each year because of preventable mistakes The errors range from operating on a wrong limb to spreading infection with dirty hands. Hospital-based errors are the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S., claiming more lives than AIDS, automobile accidents or breast cancer.

seem to feel safer." the researchers wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine. "In fact, 40 percent believe that the quality of health care has 'gotten worse' in the past five

Donald Berwick, president of the Massachusetts-based Institute for Healthcare Improvement, said it is impossible to say whether progress has been made because there are no universal

"Impressionistically, substantial progress has been made on awareness," he said. Yet "most hospitals in this country do not have improvement of safety in their strategic agenda."

One major stumbling block is a dispute over whether hospital errors should be publicly released.

"Public reporting is not the answer" because it could create a climate of fear, said Don Nielsen. senior vice president for quality leadership at the American Hospital Association. Physicians want "definitive, useful, confidential reporting.

But Carolyn Clancy, director of the federal agency devoted to improving medical care, countered: "Telling a patient about a medical error and what will be done in the future to prevent it should be the rule, not the excep-

Safety improvements can come in low-tech and high-tech changes, said Elliot Sussman, president of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network in Pennsylvania. His hospital installed a \$5 million computer system for ordering prescriptions and tracking patient care and it placed hand sanitizer dispensers in every room, reducing the rates of infection to far below the national average, he said.

Magazine 'has-beens'

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. - Mad magazine is declaring that Jason West's 15 minutes of fame are

The New Paltz mayor who's been in the headlines repeatedly since marrying more than two dozen gay couples in February is included in Mad's December issue, featuring the "latest batch of has-beens.

West joins the likes of Scott Peterson's former mistress Amber Frey and Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Smarty

"I'm glad to hear about it." West said. "If my celebrityhood is over, that means I can get back to my real life.

Math skills questioned

WASHINGTON - The national test of student math skills is filled with easy questions, raising doubts about recent gains in achievement tests, a study contends

On the eighth-grade version of the test, almost 40 percent of the questions address skills taught in first or second grade, according to the report by Tom Loveless, director of the Brown Center on Education Policy at The Brookings Institution, a Washington think

The test for fourth-graders also has "false rigor," Loveless says: More than 40 percent of questions gauge first and second grade skills, two levels below the students tested.

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The central fault, Loveless contends, is that too many problem-solving questions rely on whole numbers, with too few challenges involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Such instruction sets students up for trouble in more advanced high school classes and in daily life, where tasks such as shopping and measuring rarely involve neat, round numbers, he said.

Calif. housing costs

SACRAMENTO, California -A fourth of all Californians are thinking about moving - either out of state or just to another town to bring down their housing costs, a new survey shows.

High rents and rising home prices have residents, particularly younger ones, rethinking the value of the mountain views and ocean shores they say they trea-sure. Of the respondents under 35, for example, nearly half say they might relocate to somewhere cheaper.

The study, released Thursday the Public Policy Institute of California, found that even many homeowners now see little upside to rising prices that have greatly inflated their property values, many believing they couldn't afford to buy another house in their own neighborhoods. Sixty percent of the respondents worry their children won't be able to buy homes in their part of the state

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Lawmakers debate \$800B **U.S.** debt-limit increase

WASHINGTON - Democrats and Republicans clashed over deficits and tax cuts Thursday as Congress moved toward sending President Bush an \$800 billion boost in the government's debt

The bill would increase the debt ceiling from its current \$7.38 trillion, marking the third massive increase since Bush took office in 2001. The government reached the cap last month, paying its bills since with investments from a civil service retire. ment account, which it plans to

The Senate approved the legislation Wednesday by a near party-line 52-44 vote. With no alternative but an unprecedented federal default, the House debated the bill Thursday and planned an evening vote.

Democrats were ready to oppose the measure en masse, saying it should have been accompanied by a requirement that tax cuts or new spending be paid for with budget savings. They blamed Bush's tax cuts for the re-

lentless increase in government debt, a trend analysts expect to continue indefinitely, and noted that Republicans delayed the vote until after the Nov. 2 elections.

"That didn't take long," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass. "On just the third legislative

day after the election, we are yet again confronting the need to raise the nation's debt limit.' Republicans accused Demo

crats of playing politics with the issue. They blamed the recession for the red ink and said failure to increase the debt limit would cause default, higher interest rates and an inability of the government to pay its liabilities.

"We can demagogue it. We can keep putting on all sorts of messages to feel good or draw political lines. ... But the reality is, we keep screwing around with this thing, we're going to shut the government down," said Rep. Thomas Reynolds, R-N.Y.

The debate came as lawmakers moved toward finishing their work for the year and ending what they hope will be an abbreviated lame-duck session. Heading the remaining business is a compromise \$388 billion spending package financing most domestic programs.

That overdue measure, which House-Senate bargainers hope to complete by Friday, curbs the recent growth of funds for biomedical research and education. It cuts Bush priorities, including a nuclear waste repository in Nevada a hydrogen fuel initiative and to countries embracing open-market and democratic re-

Its borrowing powers con-strained for now, the Treasury Department on Thursday indefinitely delayed announcing details of government security auctions scheduled for next week. The department did not say if the actual auctions of 13- and 26-week bills and two-year notes would be de-

Completion of the debt limit measure would raise the government's borrowing limit to \$8.18 trillion. That is \$2.23 trillion higher than when Bush became president, and more than eight times the debt President Reagan faced when he took office in 1981.

Recount ordered in very tight Washington governor's race

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA. Wash. - Never in Washington state has a governor's race been so close.

Only 261 votes separated the two candidates after a painstaking tally that triggered an automatic recount, required whenever the margin of

victory is fewer than 2,000 bal-

For the time being, Republican Dino Rossi is out in front of Democrat Christine Gregoire. They should know by next Wednesday — so says Secretary of State Sam Reed — who will replace outgoing Democratic Gov. Gary Locke.

statewide recount has never reversed the outcome of

an election, but Reed isn't saying that won't happen after the 2.8 million ballots are tallied - again.

'We really aren't going to know before we do this recount who the governor is going to be," Reed, a Republican who will oversee the recount, said Wednes-

At his Bellevue campaign headquarters, Rossi told supporters he hopes to take his family on vacation during the recount, "somewhere quieter than here." He went on to thank his wife, four children, brothers, sisters and cousins, "I've got a lot of relatives," the state senator joked, "probably about

Gregoire, the state attorney general, reassured cheering backers in Seattle that the election isn't

"We're going to make sure, in this recount, every single vote counts," Gregoire vowed. "This is not about Republican or Democrat. Libertarian or Independent, this is about all of us as Washingtonians, standing up, casting our ballots.'

The breathtaking closeness was reflected in

Wednesday's horse race. Rossi began the day 19 votes ahead, but King County's 4 p.m. report gave Gregoire a 39-vote lead. Gregoire's lead thinned as the sun set. At 5:14 p.m., Rossi went ahead by four votes. At 5:59, Gregoire took the lead by 13 votes. Finally, at 6:33 p.m., Benton County put Rossi ahead by 261 votes.

Washington leans Democrat and has not elected a Republican governor since 1980. Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry won the state with 53 percent of the vote; the current governor, Locke, easily defeated Republican opponents to serve two terms; and Democrats control the Legislature.

Gregoire, 57, looked like the Democrats' Wonder Woman. Polished and popular, Gregoire won national recognition as lead negotiator of the 1997 tobacco settlement, in which major tobacco companies agreed to pay \$206 billion to 46 states. But after a bruising primary, her campaign struggled to find a message that connected with voters.

Rossi, on the other hand, wasn't the GOP's first choice by a long shot. Republicans tried to recruit three other prospects.

And his promise of a fresh start in state government caught on with voters.

Finally, it was time to vote The tallying stretched over two weeks as mail ballots trickled in to elections offices. Only Washington and neighboring Alaska allow voters to mail ballots on Election Day

As political junkies across the country recovered from their presidential election with-

drawal, they turned to the Washington governor's race for entertainment.

"It's fun, it's exciting," said Joe Arko, a retired doctor in Plano, Texas, who has followed the Wash-ington election religiously on the Internet. "It's like a two-week playoff series. But it's a lot more important than a ball game."



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A busy life for kids

About 80 percent of middle and high school students participate in organized activities after school and on weekends, and most have something scheduled nearly every day.

Middle and high school student participation in organized activities outside school hours

Frequency
Every day or almost every day
57%
A couple days a week

School days and weekends

Types of activities

Sports 66%
School clubs or activities 62%

Volunteer work

60%

Religious instruction/church group
54%
Lessons (incl. music, dance, art)
52%
After-school program

Part-time job 37% Tutoring/academic/ test preparation 30%

Organization (eg. Scouts)

19%

June 2004 telephone interviews with 609 students in grades 6 through 12, margin

of error 4 percentage points

Study: Kids making most of free time

BY BEN FELLER

WASHINGTON — It's a life on the go, with activities after the day's work and into the weekend. Good thing they have the energy of kids.

From sports to music to church, out-of-school activities are a big part of life for middle and high school students, a study

About 80 percent of these students participate in organized activities after school and on weekends, and most of them have something scheduled nearly every day. Students say they value filling their free time with interesting things, even if takes a parential nudge to get them start-

Sports are the most popular activities, followed by anything in the category of art, music or dance, and then academics, said the study by Public Agenda, a nonpartisan public opinion organization

Three out of four students say their day-to-day schedule during the school year is just about right, not too hectic.

And almost nine in 10 students

And almost nine in 10 students agree they need to be pushed by parents into things that are good for them, even if they might complain.

The message to parents is, "Most kids are thriving from



Cerenity Miller, 12, works on a PowerPoint presentation for Adventure Central, a 4-H after-school program, Monday in Dayton, Ohio. Miller helps plan programs and work with younger students at the center.

out-of-school activities, and it's really worth your time — and maybe a little nagging — to get kids involved," said Ruth Wooden, president of Public Agenda.

en, president of Public Agenda.

Cerenity Miller's after-school routine includes four days a week

at Adventure Central, a 4-H program in Dayton, Ohio. The 12-year-old's time is packed with research in the computer lab, kickball and arts and crafts.

Otherwise, Cerenity said she could enroll in after-care at her

school, "but that wouldn't be as much fun. I wouldn't really have any opportunities except to sit there and do my homework and

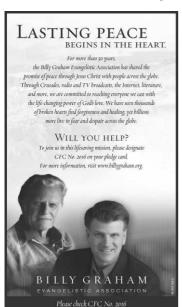
wait for my dad to pick me up."
Beyond safety, what parents
want in after-school is for children to develop interests and hobbies and stay out of trouble, the
study found.

"Our schedules are not like they used to be," said Glen Miller, Cerenity's father, who drives a bus for her school system.

With two parents often working, he said, after-school has become as much a part of the traditional routine as families meeting up at day's end for dinner.

Poor and minority parents are much more likely to want an academic focus in their kids' activities, the study found. Yet they have many more problems finding programs that are affordable, available and high quality.

The findings come from two random phone surveys in June, one with 609 middle and high school students, one with 1,009 parents of children in kindergarten to grade 12. The margin of sampling error was 4 percentage points for the children and three points for the parents.





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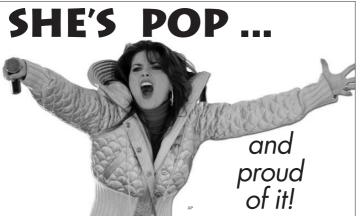
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Greatest hits album has Shania Twain reflecting on career

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BY JOHN GEROME The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -– A car full of dudes. Radio blaring. Annoying guy in the back singing off-key to Shania Twain's "Man, I Feel Like a Woman" while his buddies look seriously uncomfort-

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Country Music Association awards with Brooks & Dunn, hasn't seen the Chevy commercial, but she's heard about it and laughs at the thought.

She's the first to admit her songs have a strong female perspective. But it's far more than women who are buying her

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Twain, who recently co-hosted records by the millions and filling ountry Music Association arenas for her concerts. "It's girls, boys, men, women,

grandparents, everybody," Twain says. "I don't know why that is. They all relate to it somehow. I think they relate to the sense of humor of it. It's not straight-ahead female empowerment. Men relate to it because it's

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got a sense of humor."

Twain's new album a greatest hits package, came out Nov. 9, the same day at her CMA appear-ance. If it follows course, it will be a huge success. Her last three albums have topped the 10 million mark, with 1999's "Come On Over" reaching 20 million and placing her among music's elite.

Only a handful of acts - none of them country, not even Garth Brooks — have had bigger-selling alhums

"As a country artist, she is in a bit of a category by herself," said Wade Jessen, a chart director for Billboard magazine. "In terms of radio and video exposure. Shania is a bona fide signed, sealed and delivered crossover artist."

Dressed casually in a blue, green and white striped sweater with black pants and boots, Twain, 39, sips hot tea during an interview.

She's polite, offering refreshments to a guest, and candid, answering pointed questions with out flinching.

She's unabashed in her pursuit of commercial success. She and her husband, producer extraordinaire Robert John "Mutt" Lange. approach each song as a potential radio hit Artistic expression is fine and good, but only if it's commercially viable.

"We only write songs that we think are worthy of being hits, of being on the radio," Twain says. "We work very hard to make every song like that.

To reach every demographic they often record two versions of the same song, one country-flavored, maybe with fiddles or steel guitars, and the other pop-orient-

Her music has become a staple on country, pop and adult contemporary stations. Her latest single. 'Party for Two." one of three new songs on the greatest hits album, went to country radio as a duet with country newcomer Billy Currington and to pop radio as a duet with Sugar Ray frontman Mark McGrath.

"It just keeps us in the pattern of my career so far, going all the way back to 'That Don't Impress Me Much' and 'Man, I Feel Like a Woman,' "she said. "If you've got that kind of versatility, why not have fun with it? We have that diverse fan hase, and it's great to be able to explore that."

Twain, who grew up poor in Ontario, Canada, almost always speaks in the plural when discussing her career, a nod to Lange's involvement.

A South Africa native, Lange had produced top-selling albums by Def Leppard, AC/DC, Foreigner, the Cars and Bryan Adams before he and Twain crossed paths.

After seeing a video she made for her self-titled debut album (the lowest seller of her career by far) he traveled to Nashville to meet her. They married in 1993, and he has been her collaborator and partner ever since. Together, they co-write all of her songs.

Early on, the relationship raised questions about her talent, fueled in part by her decision not to tour in support of her second album, "The Woman in Me" (she now says that she didn't have enough hits at that point to do a full show).

While Twain credits their relationship with helping her career, she dismisses suggestions that he is a puppeteer behind her success

"He on his own has never had this kind of success. And me on my own, I doubt very much I would have had this kind of success. First of all, would I even have found anyone who had so much faith in me? Part of why I think I flourished is because he believed so much in me. He loved my voice; he loved my songwriting. He was my biggest fan.

As for the critics, she says she was ready for them. She had been writing songs and performing since she was a child and was confident in her abilities.

And today, she says, most of the doubters have gone away.

"There's so much consistency in the music, so much consistency in everything," she says. "You can't really duplicate that if it's not really you



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Microsoft acts to prevent altered Xboxes

BY ALLISON LINN The Associated Press

SEATTLE - In the days before the release of the hotly anticipated "Halo 2" video game for the Xbox game console, some gamers noticed a sudden spike in the number of people being kicked off Microsoft Corp.'s online game service.

That was no coincidence.

The company said it increased its crackdown on those suspected of making unauthorized modifications to their Xboxes to ensure all players could blast away on an equal footing when joining the Xbox Live online gaming community.

People usually modify Xboxes so they can either cheat on games or use pirated copies, although some also have made changes so they can use the Xbox for other functions, such as playing music

Cameron Ferroni, general manager of the Xbox software platform, said Microsoft has no interest in actually taking legal action against individual users. But the company does want to banish scofflaws from its online service.

"We want to preserve the experience of Xbox Live." he said.

It's hard to know how many of Microsoft-'s 15.5 million Xbox users have modified their game consoles, although analysts and those at Microsoft both believe it's a small

percentage. Microsoft has a unique glimpse into the approximately 1 million Xbox Live users' computers because those users agree Microsoft has the right to gather certain infor-



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Ferroni declined to go into specifics of how the company can check Xbox Live users' machines for suspected modifications. but he said Microsoft has no way of checking whether players who don't use Xbox Live have modified their machines.

Neil Smith, an intellectual property law-yer in San Francisco, said there's little legal risk in modifying a game system for relatively benign personal use, such as to give your character infinite lives or to more easily advance to another level.

But Microsoft said it wants to guard against such cheating on Xbox Live, where multiple players can take part in games together.

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Smith, who has represented several video game companies, said users face more legal risk — and companies have more leverage — if a person is modifying the system to play pirated or other unauthorized games. That's especially true if the person is altering his or her system's security codes or settings.

Companies are much more eager to go after potential pirates, since stolen copies can lead to lost revenue. Microsoft said it has focused its legal efforts on those it believes are manufacturing pirated games or mass-producing Xbox modifications

Smith said the legality of modifying other people's technology remains hazy. Other tech firms have grappled with

how much can be done to their systems without their consent.

Earlier this year, Seattle-based RealNetworks caused a stir when it said it had developed software that allows songs purchased from its online music store to transfer to Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod, by skirting internal copy protections. Apple, which has closely guarded control of its music player, responded by saying that RealNetworks "has adopted the tactics and ethics of a hacker.

Other video game consoles don't seem to face as much tinkering for the sake of pira-cy as the Xbox, said P.J. McNealy, an analyst with American Technology Research. Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 2 doesn't have as complex antipiracy measures, he said, and Nintendo Co.'s cartridge-based games are much more difficult to pirate than the CDs

that Microsoft and Sony use.

Analyst Rob Enderle with the Enderle Group said Microsoft's Xbox is also much more vulnerable to tinkering because its popular built-in hard drive more closely mimics a regular personal computer, whereas the other systems rely on less-familiar technology.

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Ben Stein: Save and 'you'll be golden'

BY EILEEN ALT POWELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Comedian Ben Stein is making the rounds in his trademark business suit and sneakers with a not-so-funny message for Americans: "People aren't saving anywhere near enough for a comfortable retire-

Stein, who serves as spokesman for the annual National Retirement Planning Week, says he's worried that many people won't be able to retire or will have saved so little that they'll outlive their money

He scoffs at the excuses people come up with for not saving.

"People tell me, 'I have to buy a new coat' or 'I have to have a flat-screen TV.' "Stein said in an interview. "Then in the next breath they say, 'But I don't have enough money to save.

Stein, an economist in addition to being a humorist, wants Americans to look at their retirement nest eggs and try to develop a plan to make them grow.

Young people can take advantage of compounding interest over time. Stein's advice to them is to "save systematically, and you'll be golden." He suggests a savings target of 10 percent of income

Older people may need to do some strategizing, and that may require the help of a financial planner or other trusted adviser, he said. But the closer a person is



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to retirement age, the more important it is to act fast.

"Start immediately, even if you're in your 50s," he said. "It's never too late."

There's little question but that Americans need to think more seriously about retirement savings. A survey by the nonprofit Employee Benefit Research Institute in Washington, D.C., found that just 42 percent of workers or their spouses have done a calculation of how much they need for retirement. That's down from 53 percent in 2000.

Dallas L. Salisbury, chief execu-

tive of the institute believes the decline is related to fear.

People liked doing it in the years when they could do their calculations using a high investment return, and they felt good," he said. "As rates of return came down in the last couple of years, they stopped. People don't like had news

But, he said, workers need to do those calculations if they're going to increase their retirement savings rate. A good online calculator is at www.asec.org/ballpark a site maintained by the EBRI-affiliated American Savings Educa-

According to the EBRI survey, 45 percent of workers have less than \$25,000 saved for retirement, while just 18 percent have \$100,000 or more. Even among workers 55 and older, 29 percent have less than \$25,000 put away, while 26 percent have \$100,000

Salisbury says people need to start by tracking their spending for a month or so to determine where their money is going. Then they need to make a budget that includes setting aside some money each month for retire-

"I recommend some type of automatic transfer," Salisbury said.

That is, workers could have a portion of their paycheck deposited directly into a company-sponsored retirement account or into an Individual Retirement Account. Earnings in both accounts aren't taxed until they're withdrawn at retirement.

Bruce Harrington, a vice president with MFS Investment Management in Roston recommends that people look seriously at maxing out their company-sponsored 401(k) or 403(b) retirement accounts.

The contribution limit for these tax-sheltered accounts will rise to \$14,000 in 2005 from \$13,000 this year Workers 50 and older can add a catch-up contribution of \$4,000 next year, up from \$3,000 this year.

The maximums on IRA ac-

counts rise to \$4,000 next year from \$3,000 this year, with a \$500 catch-up provision for those 50 and older.

"Most people don't figure out their retirement plan much they'll need to live off of until they're 3 to 5 years away from retiring." Harrington said. 'That's like going to the airport and then deciding what vacation you're going to go on."

Harrington suggests that people "spend 15 minutes and figure out how much you need to retire,' which in many cases is about 80 percent of your current income. MFS offers a retirement planning calculator on its Web site at www mfs com

"Look at gap between where you are and where you should be and start working to fill it," Harrington said.

One strategy, he said, is for workers to commit to increasing their contributions to their retirement accounts by a percentage point or two every year until they reach the maximum. Many companies that sponsor plans offer workers help in allocating their savings among stocks, bonds and other investments he noted Or people can seek help from professional planners.

"The pot at the end of the rainbow is that you'll be able to retire with dignity," he said.

The National Retirement Planning Week site, which also includes calculators, is at www.retireonyourterms.org.



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Deducting car expenses

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NEW YORK - Most people see having a car as an expense. but it can also be the route to a few deductions on your taxes.

So writes Barbara Weltman in "J.K. Lasser's 1001 Deductions and Tax Breaks." You can deduct car-related expenses from 2004 when you employ your vehicle in the following ways:

■ Business use: This applies if vou are self-employed or your employer does not reimburse you for vehicle expenses. The Internal Revenue Service allows you to deduct your actual expenses for gas, or use its standard mileage rate of 37.5 cents per mile. You should allow for costs associated with depreciation (if you own the car) or payments (if you lease it), You can also deduct costs of parking, tolls, garage rent and other ex penses. Keep good records of mileage (including odometer readings); date, length and pur-

pose of the trip; and receipts for

■ Medical-related travel: You can deduct expenses related to car use when you travel to see a doctor or other medical professionals, pick up prescriptions or obtain treatment. Treatment includes attending required meetings such as those of Alcoholics

Anonymous. The deduction rate is 14 cents per mile.

- Job-related move: You can deduct 14 cents per mile, or the actual cost of gas. Additionally, you can deduct tolls and parking expenses incurred along the way. You cannot use this deduction if your employer is paying for your relocation costs.
- Charity/volunteer work: If you use your car to serve a charity, you can deduct 14 cents per mile or the actual costs for gas You can also deduct for tolls and parking. You might choose to give your car to a registered charity, but both the deductions and the charity's monetary gain are limited. Weltman recommends giving your car instead to a place where it will get the most

use - such as an automotive re-

pair class.

Divorce deal for sale

CA LOS ANGELES — For sale: One ex-wife's \$250 million divorce judgment. All the buyer has to do is figure out how to collect from the Saudi royal family

After battling for more than 20 years to collect the court-ordered judgment, Diana Bilinelli said she has decided to sell it - at a substantial discount - on the chance that others may have better means to track it down

"It's a dandy investment opportunity," said her lawyer. Helen Dorroh-White

Bilinelli's late ex-husband, Sheik Mohammed al-Fassi, died in Cairo of an infected hernia in 2002 at the age of 50 after claiming he had transferred all of his holdings to relatives, including Saudi King Fahd and his brother Prince Turki. According to a court ruling, he owed Bilinelli half his assets

Boy killer seeks retrial

GA ATLANTA — It was a murder that stunned the nation Michael Lewis was 13 a boy who stood less than 5 feet tall. when he walked up to a parked car at an Atlanta convenience store in 1997 and shot a stranger dead in front of the man's two sons

Sociologists called Lewis a "super predator." Prosecutors called the boy known as "Little B" a cold-blooded thug. At 14, Lewis was sentenced to life in prison.

Now a 21-year-old man, Lewis asked Georgia's highest court to give him a new trial, saying he is innocent and wasn't competent because of his age and mental capacity to defend himself

Proud to be a loser

ME ELLSWORTH -Peter Loiselle a big fat loser and he'd have to agree

Between October 2001 and July 2004, the Ellsworth Middle School math teacher lost nearly 500 pounds, and he did it without gastric bypass surgery. He dropped the pounds the old-fashioned way with diet and evercise

While Loiselle plays down his success, he readily admits having been inconvenienced and emo tionally affected by his weight. He wasn't able to be in his sister's wedding because it was impossible to find a tuxedo that fit.

These days, he's a shell of his old self. At his peak, he weighed 763 pounds. Now 6-foot-6 "Big Pete" weighs in around 270.

Lawver suspected

WA SEATTLE — Prosecutors charged a lawyer with attempted first-degree murder Monday in the shooting of a rival attorney who had sought a contempt citation against him.

The prosecutors said William R. Joice, 50, shot Kevin Jung in the back of the head as Jung sat in a car outside his office. A hearing on the contempt request had been scheduled later in the day.

A witness scribbled down the license plate of Joice's rented car as it squealed away from the scene,



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and police tracked him down l through the rental company

Jung, a 44-year-old married father of two, remained in critical condition Monday. Doctors said he had serious brain damage, according to the charging documents in King County court.

Residents sue pueblo

ISLETA PUEBLO — A group of lifelong residents are suing this Indian pueblo on the south edge of Albuquerque, challenging its determination that they or their heirs don't qualify as tribal members.

The three families involved in the suit are descendants of people who came to Isleta from another pueblo and were adopted into the community. Pueblo Gov. Alvino

Burns kill woman

CA YUCAIPA — Raymond tance as he used a red bandana to wine away the tears, recalling the moment he learned his neighbor died despite his efforts to extinguish flames that engulfed her.

Gonzalez, 81, said his 83-year-old neighbor, Janice White, was alert after he snuffed the fire with a blanket

Gonzalez wanted to replace the blanket with a fresh one and remove a wrap she wore on her head, but White told him to leave the items alone, he said.

"That's why I thought she was going to be all right," he said Tues-



Rock the boat A boat makes its way through high waves into Government Cut off Miami Reach, Fla. High winds and surf have kept most beach goers and boat traffic away.

"I feel sorry, you know."

White's clothes accidentally caught on fire Sunday morning while she was making tea, author

ties said. She suffered secondthird-degree burns over about 70 percent of her body, officials said. She died the next day.

Plans for play

NY NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that 25 new playgrounds will be built at public schools across the city over the next five

The Department of Education will share the \$25 million bill with the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit land conservation organization, Bloomberg said.

City officials said they would decide which schools receive the new playgrounds based on need, and they will likely be in low-income, high-density neighborhoods.

P.S. 180 in Harlem and I.S. 220 in Borough Park, Brooklyn, have already been selected and will have new playgrounds next fall.

The playgrounds will be open to the public after school lets out each day.

Parakeet revival

SC CHARLESTON — Could the awesome and seemingly limitless power of DNA be focused on a parakeet? That question is intriguing historians who want to bring back the extinct Carolina parakeet - the parrot species native to South Carolina.

There are still 37 egg shells from the parakeets in museums around the country. The Franklin County Historical Association in Mount Vernon, Texas, discovered last year it had a Carolina parakeet egg in its collection.

In preparing it for exhibit, the museum decided not to clean it after someone mentioned the shell could have a bit of dried DNA from blood or fluid.

"That's movies, not real life," said Jean Woods, bird curator for the Delaware Museum of Natural History.

"But on the other hand, I'm not saying it can't happen.

Vermont loves ladies

MONTPELIER - Vermont is the best state in the nation for women, according to a new report.

The Institute for Women's Policv Research rated the 50 states based on evaluations of political. economic, social and health climates.

Although some states received higher grades than Vermont in certain categories, Vermont received its top overall ranking by consistently getting high grades across the board.

The state received an A- for reproductive rights and then grades of B or B - for women's political participation, employment and earnings, economic autonomy,

Following Vermont at the top were Connecticut, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon. Mississippi was rated the worst state, receiving a grade off D- or F in each category.



Afternoon stroll

Kathleen O'DeKirk and her dog Win ston run in the park in Chicago.



Hang time

A snowboarder grinds a rail at the Brighton terrain park in Utah.



A woman waves an U.S. flag to Taking GIs fishing soldiers aboard charter fishing boats in Islamorada, Fla., as they depart for a day of angling off the Florida Keys. About 60 military personnel took part in free fishing trips during the "Take a Soldier Fishing" program.



Pardon me Korey Foltz kineels with a turkey in Mathias, W.Va. Two turkeys from the Foltz the S7th anniversary of the mere sent to the White House for the annual Thanksgiving ceremony. This is the S7th anniversary of the first National Thanksgiving Turkey presentation to President Harry Truman. After the ceremony, the turkeys will be retired to the Kidwell Farm petiting zoo at Frying Pan Park.



Peering down A snowy owl is perched on a chimney top in Hazleton, Pa.

Mom charged in fire

OH TOLEDO — The mother of six of seven children killed in an apartment fire was charged with involuntary manslaughter after investigators discovered she was visiting a neigh-

bor at the time, a prosecutor said.

Melinda Ragland was at an
apartment about 80 yards away
when the blaze started, prosecutor John Weglian said.

"We believe the evidence established that she breached her duty of care for the children," Weglian

The children, ages 6 months to 7 years, died of smoke inhalation Oct. 24 after the fire started on a mattress in an upstairs bedroom. Investigators said a child playing with a candle, lighter or matches started the blaze. Six siblings and a cousin were killed.

Ragland could get two to 10 counts of involuntary manslaughter if convicted. She was also charged with seven counts of child endangering, each offense punishable by one to five years behind bars.

Go. team fruit!

WA SEATTLE — Fans who live and breathe the rivalry between the Huskies and Cougars can now eat it up.

Yakima Valley farmer Randy Valicoff has ripened the likenesses of the teams' mascots into his apples and hopes to sell them in time for the annual football showdown between the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Branding fruit has been done before, but it's new to state football fans.

The third-generation farmer uses carefully applied logo stickers to block the sun's rays. As the apple matures, the logo appears where the sticker kept the skin from ripening.

The result: fruit bearing brilliant yellow Cougar and Husky logos.

Restoring Poplar Forest

FOREST — The Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest, which is restoring Poplar Forest, plans to buy 72 acres of land from Lynchburg's Industrial Development Authority for S3 million to add to Thomas Jefferson's country retreat. Developers had wanted to build a shopping center on half the parcel. The son family's possession in the mid-1800s and was occupied as a private residence until restoration began in 1984.

Deadly mistake

NY ROCHESTER — A man admitted to shooting another man to death in what police believe was a case of mistaken identity.

Michael Hernandez, 21, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of 36-year-old Torrance Thompson.

Prosecutors said Hernandez was trying to break up a fight between his girlfriend and another woman on July 10, and fired his 32-caliber pistol in the air. At the same time, Hernandez was struck in the leg by a bullet.

Hernandez went home, re-

turned a half-hour later with his cousin and approached a crowd that had gathered around the

fight scene.

Hernandez singled out Thompson, hitting him in the face with his pistol and shooting him in the stomach, authorities said. Thompson did not take part in the earlier confrontation.

Mercury spill shutdown

HODGENVILLE—A container of liquid mercury that officials believe was taken from a dentist office trash can caused schools to be shut down in Larue County. Officials say a high school student took the container to school and spilled mercury on the bus. More of it was spilled in Larue County High School.

Officials haven't decided if the

Officials haven't decided if the student will be punished. An EPA team from Atlanta, in full protective gear, cleaned up the mercury.

Holiday cheer will go on

PA NORTH CAMBRIA — Residents and local businesses in one Cambria County borough wouldn't let vandalizing Grinches steal the launch of their Christmas season.

Residents and local businesses pledged more than \$400 to replace the lights throughout Fridman park that were vandalized. The Northern Cambria Area Business Alliance chipped in another \$250. The borough council initially canceled the celebration, but it will now go on as scheduled the day after Thankssyime.

School lab vandalism

IA IOWA CITY — Vandals dumped chemicals, damaged computers and freed research animals at the University of Iowa. Officials said.

The FBI was called in to investigate the vandalism discovered at Seashore Hall and Spence Laboratories

Seashore Hall houses the university's psychology, journalism and sociology departments.

The vandalism included laboratories where research animals were housed. An undetermined number of mice and rats were missing. More than 30 computers were damaged, university officials said.

Because of uncertainty about the extent of the damage, including the deliberate dumping of chemicals, university police evacuated the building and don't expect to reopen it until after the Thanksgiving holiday break.

Nursing home ban

PROVIDENCE — The state Health Department tentatively lifted a ban on admissions to the Haven Health Center nursing home.

The center made significant progress in correcting problems with patient care that forced the sanction in September, the department said. Problems included unclean food and poor santiation. Nursing homes statewide are under scrutiny since a Providence nursing home closed in June because of poor management.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Infantry is as infantry does

I have served 16 years in the infantry, four as an active-duty Marine and the re mainder with the National Guard, I currently serve as a rifle squad leader in Baghdad, and have been here for more than seven months. I have three points to offer in the great debate over who should wear a Combat Infantryman Badge

First: Who cares? What is the Army's obsession with trinkets to hang on uniforms? Every individual knows exactly what he/she did in service to the nation Isn't that enough?

Second: The CIB is an inappropriate award for the counterinsurgency operations that dominate the Iraq war. It was created to acknowledge the very distinct. dangerous and miserable experience of the World War II infantryman, a conflict where (arguably) the infantry comprised 10 percent of the total force and suffered 90 percent of the casualties. The Korean and Vietnam wars, although quite different in some ways, were similar in this respect to WWII. The conflict in Iraq cannot be directly compared to any of those wars in scope, degree of carnage or hardship. I suggest following the Marine Corps' example of awarding a combat action ribbon or its equivalent universally to all troops who have direct contact with the enemy. Save the CIB for the high-intensity wars for which it was intended.

Third: If the Army must continue awarding the CIB for low-intensity warfare, then award it across the board to any soldier who operates as a de facto infantryman, regardless of military occupational specialty. How does an engineer. artilleryman, military policeman or any other soldier who carries a rifle and goes on patrol differ in reality from an 11B? Training? So what? The simple fact of the matter is that in this type of warfare the infantry experience is no longer unique in its degree of hardship or peril.

My CIB resides in my personnel records. I don't wear it because when I

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think of the infantry veterans of previous, high-intensity wars I don't feel I've earned it. Others may well feel different-

> Staff Sgt. Kurt Hosman Baghdad

Leave CIB to infantry

I'm writing in regards to the exchange of letters on the Combat Infantryman Badge. I am a proud member of the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment stationed at Forward Operating Base Independence in Baghdad.

I understand that Iraq is not a safe place and we all get occasional fire from mortars, small arms, etc. This is a war, and to be expected. But if you think you deserve the right to wear a prestigious award given to infantry personnel, reclassify your military occupational specialty. You chose the profession you are in, and we thank you for what you do. I'm sorry if you get hit on a convoy or get mortared occasionally, but it happens everywhere.

If you really want to see what it takes to get a CIB, go to Fallujah, Mosul or even Haifa Street in central Baghdad. Our FOB started off with approximately 600 nersonnel and has taken massive casualties from actions in sector. My company alone has had 50 percent of its personnel awarded Purple Hearts, and our sister company has awarded more than 60 Purple Hearts. Tell me how being engaged by small-arms fire or having mortars land in your FOB qualifies you to

wear an award given strictly to one MOS. On a final note, to all the personnel who deem it necessary to go out with a combat unit to get a CIB or Combat Medical Badge: don't. You are just putting vourself in harm's way for no reason. The bragging rights and medals aren't worth the risk you're taking to get them. Everyone has a job to do over here. Use your training and we'll all make it home to our families in one piece. God speed and good luck.

Sot Justin Chestnut

Forward Operating Base Independence,

Soldiers' refusal cowardly

The writer of the Nov. 12 letter "Soldiers should be punished" was absolutely right. What those soldiers who refused to go on a convoy mission did was an act of cowardice. I rode in the back of an open Humvee pulling security in downtown Baghdad before "uparmored vehicles" were even thought of. Those soldiers only thought of themselves and not the mission or who they were affecting. If we had done the same thing, the mission would never have gotten accomplished.

Part of being a soldier is something called sacrifice. The soldiers who refused to go on the mission need to think about that. If they get a simple Article 15, they should consider themselves lucky. I'm just glad I don't have to live with myself for an act of cowardice the way those soldiers do.

> Sgt. David C. McGuire Raumholder Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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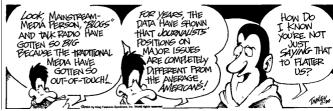






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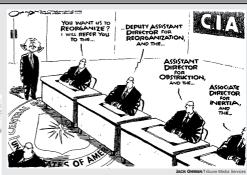
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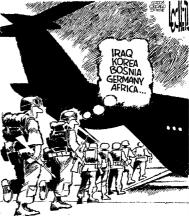












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This is the last full day of the sun in Scorpio, as tomorrow ushers in a fiery Sagittarius solar influence. The Pisces moon persuades us to contemplate what we've Holiday Mathis

taken from the past few weeks. Probably, it will be difficult to articulate the exact lessons, but it's enough to know that aware ness has been heightened and we're not the same.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 20). It's romance galore this year! You're creating magic between you and people you're attracted to. The holiday season features a choice you could break a heart, if you're not careful! A relationship with someone vounger helps finances. Keep up on your skills, and you'll be socking away cash for travel and upgrades

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can be extraordinarily candid a quality that will make you both popular and controversial. Nobody needs to ask, "Where's the party They can clearly see that the party is where you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be challenged when social contact is not what you expected. You're a sympathetic listener, but with extremely needy and complex people, you struggle to find a foothold. Ultimately, your compassion carries you through.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You practically buzz with the urge to throw a nervous tantrum, but you can channel the energy usefully into an off-the-wall project. You're particularly lucky when you use a new medium to express yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're sensitive enough to pick up on the emotional nuances of a situation but tart enough to wisecrack about it. Why must everyone be so touchy? At least someone will think you're funny

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If this day were a color, it would be electric pink. Events are altogether sweet and unnatural. Someone you counted among the lost souls will show

up. You've a choice about how deeply you want to engage this

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of enthusiasm

could get on your nerves. What good is raw energy un less it's focused toward a

productive end? Well, that's where you come in. Step right up, and take

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Belation ships are in transition. If vou let things get romantic, they will. The only thing stopping the flow of tender emotions is your resistance to them. Fig.

ure out what it will take for you to trust and open up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're demure and giggly - so unlike you, but it's fun to try a different approach. Such experimentation could land you in a new location. It's eye opening to see where people around you are from and how they

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Much is exchanged in the spirit of friendliness and good manners. Reware of the word "try " People who say they will, won't. Be willing to make a commitment either way instead of "trying."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You remain objective and not too serious. So it's hard to relate to people who won't admit what they don't want to admit - even if you have videotaped proof! Continue to model warmth and forgiveness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in the mood for a little un abashed consumerism. The rush that comes from purchasing a kind of wonder product or hope-in-a-bottle is a guilty pleasure! Appreciate those who tolerate your eccentrici-

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What a jewel you are! Your hours are dedicated to personal better ment and feeling swell. You're somewhat of a domestic super-hero too. You have the skill to handle now what could potentially be hazardous later

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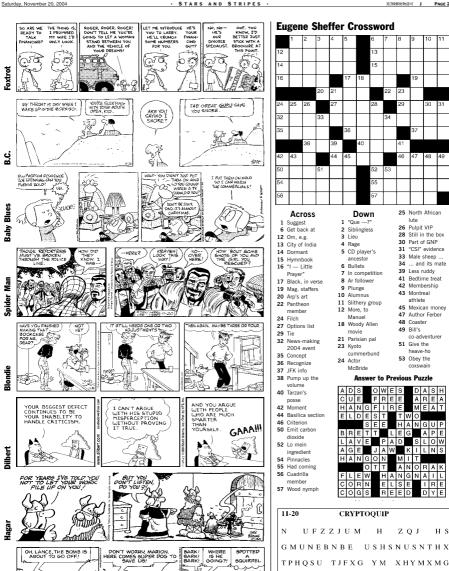








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EOHZPNSN HQSNUS Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WE USED TO RODUCE TOOTHPASTE CONTAINERS, BUT PRODUCE OUR BUSINESS WENT DOWN THE TUBES. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals P

Did you hear what Jill did?

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Now arrange the circled letters to

(Answers Monday)

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Dear Abby

Annie's Mailbox

Young girls: Use caution on Web

Dear Abby: I am deeply in love with a man who is handsome, smart and loving. We are engaged and happy together. The problem? We met on the Inter-

net. Abby, he thinks I am 26, but I'm not. Everything I've said to him has been a lie. I am really 12. I have tried to tell him the truth, but he doesn't believe me or thinks I'm joking. I try to break up with him, but we both can't say goodbye forever. I am 100

percent sure it's love He is planning to visit me in January. He says we will get married and have a nice future togeth er. No one knows about this, so I need your help. What do I do next? How do I let go?

- Lost in Love in Las Vegas

Dear Lost in Love: You have been lying on the Internet.

What makes you think that he hasn't been lying, too? Has it occurred to you that this man

who "won't let go" could be a child molester in his 40s or 50s? What do you plan to do when he shows up? If you become further involved, he could be arrested For your safety, I urge you to tell your parents what has been going on. You have gotten your

self in over your head, and you may need more adult intervention than this columnist to get you out of the pit you have dug for yourself. Please talk to your parents. TODAY!

Dear Abby: I have a 14-year-old son,

tal grandmother "Bryna," is making life difficult for him. He has acne, for which he's seeing a dermatologist. He also needs braces, and I'm work-

When Adam goes to visit Grandma Bryna, he gets put-down after put-down. She

I am no longer married to her son (he's deceased), and while we were married, we all got retty much the same treatment. I don't want to sever ties with Bryna, as Adam still wants that connection with his dad. My daughter, who is older, refuses to have anything more to do with

When Bryna says these things to my son, she instructs him not to say anything about it to me. I don't want her to accuse him of ratting her out. I am ready to tell her not to contact us again. Should I take such a drastic step and cut off all ties with her

- Frustrated in California

woman is spreading poison. If you had poison oak in your garden, wouldn't you remove it?

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Yesterday's Answer:

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"Adam," whose paren-Dear Frustrated: Why not? The

ing on that as well

'comments" about his acne and

'Giving' in-laws a bit much to take

Dear Annie: I am a married mother of a 3-year-old boy. He is the only grandchild on either side of the family. My problem is with my mother-in-law, a widow on a fixed income, and my sister-in-law, who is married but has no children

My in-laws like to control everything. When my own sister planned a baby shower for me, my sister-in-law informed me that she would have no part of it because it was "too early." I was seven months' pregnant at the time. The morning of the shower, my mother-in-law told my husband she would not attend because she did not receive a formal invitation, even though we had asked her verbally. I ended up with two showers, one given by my sister and a larger

one by my in-laws.

My son's birthday is rapidly approaching, and I am dreading

I have repeatedly asked my in-laws to restrict the number of gifts they buy my son, but they

say this is "what they're supposed to do."

My child is turning into a greedy monster. and I don't know how to handle it.

- Spoiled in Sayreville, N.J. Dear Spoiled: You cannot change your in-laws' behavior without their cooperation. Instead, thank them

graciously for the gifts, allow your son to have one or two and nut the rest away Keen them in a closet for later, or let your son select some to donate to a hospital or shelter. And tell your husband to back you up.

Dear Annie: I'm responding to "Puzzled in California," who complained that she reclined her airline seat and the passenger

behind her kept pushing it.
On a recent flight, the man in front of me reclined his seat

His head was inches from my face, and my legs were pinned

under him. I have hip problems and had to shift frequently, but doing so meant jostling him. The man angrily demanded that I

stop kicking his seat. - Sanished Dear Squished: This one struck a nerve with our readers. Read on:

From N.C.: If the person behind me doesn't want my head in his lap, he should ask for an exit row seat and not expect me to sit upright for the duration of

Tallahassee, Fla.: I am 6 feet 4 inches, and my knees touch the back of the seat in front of me. When that person reclines, it's a painful experience. The airlines could solve the problem by adjusting the seats to recline only one short notch. PECIIIPE ONLY ONE SHORT NOTCH.
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WASHINGTON - Cars and motorcycles crash into deer more than 4,000 times a day, and it's taking an increasingly deadly toll on people.

Last year, a record 210 motorists were killed in collisions with animals, mostly deer. That was 40 more than the previous year and more than twice the number in 1993, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Accidents are most likely to happen in November, the institute said, because hunters are out and deer are in the middle of their mating season, both of which cause the animals to be on the move.

Crashes are most likely to occur during evening or nighttime, often on rural roads with speed limits of 55 mph or higher.

The deer population is growing and there are more vehicles on the road every year," Allan Williams, the institute's chief scientist, said Wednesday, "There's just a lot more chance for interaction with animals on the roads.

Deer are involved in about 75 percent of fatal animal-crashes. In all, there were 1.5 million deer crashes last year, injuring 13,713 people and causing \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, the institute said.

The study found most animal crashes involved one vehicle and deaths usually were caused when the vehicle left the road or a mo torcyclist fell off the bike. In relahave shown promise in reducing

tively few cases, people were killed when the animal crashed through the windshield.

Other animals that cause crashes include horses, moose, dogs, bears, cats and opossums, though none is responsible for a significant number. Cattle also cause a small percentage of crashes, par-

ticularly in Western states. Such animal-involved fatal crashes have been rising since the mid-1990s, according to feder-

al data analyzed by the institute. Retween 1993 and 1997 an average of 119 fatal crashes occurred each year. Between 1998

and 2002, the figure rose to 155. The institute said special signs during migratory periods, thinning herds and signs that activate when deer are near roadways

crashes. Drivers also should be alert and slow down in the evenings, Williams said.

But even with precautions some crashes are unavoidable. "Sometimes animals just ap-pear in the roadway and there's not much chance to react," Williams said.

Motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable, especially when the rider fails to wear a helmet. In the institute's analysis of fatal crash-es in nine states, 65 percent of the 60 motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders killed weren't wear-

ing helmets.
"If an animal hits a motorcycle, the motorcyclist can go off the bike pretty easily," Williams said.

wearing seat belts

The same study found 60 percent of the 93 vehicle occupants killed in animal crashes weren't

Deer can be deadly

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Scientist aims to tag dino fish

By JANE ARMSTRONG Toronto Globe and Mail

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Next spring, if all goes ac-cording to plan, Scott McKinley will come face to face with some real-live dinosaurs.

If this long-dreamed-of "Jurassic Park" moment comes true, his only regret will be that he won't be able to pet them

The 52-year-old University of British Columbia scientist will be below the surface of the Indian Ocean, peering though a plastic window in a bubble-shaped, Canadian-built submarine.

He's been asked to participate in a first-ever scientific venture to track the elusive coelacanth, an ancient fish that's been swimming in the deep, dark waters off Africa for about 400 million years

McKinley's plan is to track and tag the slow-moving fish by stamping their bony, limb-like fins with acoustic transmitters, using the submarine's robotic arm

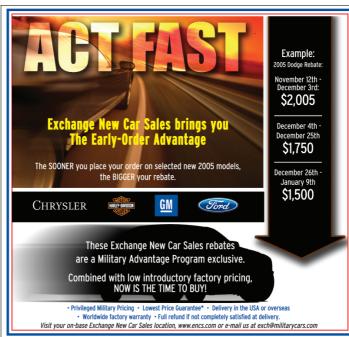
The sapphire-blue fish with dagger-shaped teeth can't sur-vive in shallow depths.

They live at the bottom of the Indian Ocean in caves

Little is known about the creature. We don't know what they eat, how long they live, or even how many are left in the sea.

If anything is to be learned about the species, McKinley said, about the species, McKiniey said, humans must go to the ocean floor, a feat made possible only with small, agile submarines, sometimes referred to as submersibles

McKinley successfully pitched the idea of using a Nuytco underwater vessel to an African conservation group seeking funding to research and track the coela-canth. Now, McKinley is trying to drum up the funds to make the trek. He said the five-year re-search project will cost up to \$4













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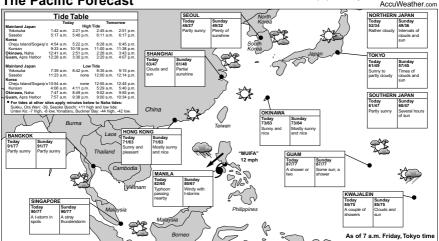
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Monday: Mostly sunny, high 62, low 50. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 66, low 57

KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 75, low 68. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 81, low 72.

SEOUL

Monday: Mostly sunny, high 53, low 37. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 56, low 32.

MANILA

Monday: Showers, high 84, low 68. Tuesday: Showers, high 84, low 67.

HAGATNA

Monday: Showers, high 87, low 77. Tuesday: Showers, high 85. low 76.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	59/41	Los Angeles	74/52
Amarillo	53/40	Little Rock	61/51
Anchorage	36/28	Louisville	67/54
Asheville	67/50	Miami	79/65
Baltimore	65/47	Milwaukee	60/44
Birmingham	70/56	Nashville	66/52
Bismarck	54/24	New York	60/52
Boise	50/28	Omaha	51/44
Boston	56/46	Orlando	79/56
Brownsville	85/69	Philadelphia	61/49
Buffalo	57/44	Phoenix	74/55
Burlington	51/39	Pittsburgh	59/48
Charleston, S0	72/50	Portland, OR	52/39
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Cleveland	63/46	Salt Lake City	49/30
Columbus, OH	64/51	St. Louis	61/50
Duluth	52/30	San Antonio	78/58
El Paso	65/44	San Diego	70/54
Hartford	61/37	San Juan	86/74
Helena	44/25	Tampa	81/60
Indianapolis	64/51	Tulsa	65/48
Jacksonville	74/53	Washington	64/50
Kansas City	60/47	Wichita	62/46



U.S. Extended Forecast

A slow-moving storm system will bring wet weather to start the weekend across the Great Lakes on Saturday. Rain will stretch across the area and extend into the mid-Atlantic region. Showers and thunderstorms will ignite along the associated cold front draped from Illinois and into northern Texas. As the system slides northeastward later in the day, showere and thunderstorms will form across the Southeast Another developing storm system will bring a couple of showers to northern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle. Snow will fall over the Rockies as unseasonably cold air blasts southward in the wake of a cold front Meanwhile, an area of high pressure will provide plenty of sun to the West Coast.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

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Camp Casey	47/29	Kunsan AB	55/36	Seoul	46/27	Auckland	68/57	Cairo	76/55	Kuwait	79/54	Oslo	27/19
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Saturday

AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m.-Golf: World Cup, AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—College basketball:
Memphis or St. Mary's vs. Mississippi State
or Syracuse at New York.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA: Indiana at Deroit.

AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—College basketball

demphis or St Mary's vs. Mississippi State

or Syracuse at New York.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 11 a.m.—NBA: L.A. Lakers at Phoenix. AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Memphis at

Satzramento. AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Trucks Ford 200 (did). AFN-Sports, 9:30 p.m.—Tennis: ATP Masters Cup. Day 5.

AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m.-College football SPN College GameDay.

AFN-Pacific/Korea. 2 a.m.—College footpall: Wake Forest at Miami, Fla.

AFN-Radio Okinawa/Korea, 2 a.m.—Colege football: Oklahoma at Baylor. ege football: Oklahoma at Baylor.
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—College football: Virinia at Georgia Tech.
AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—College football:
idichigan at Ohio State.
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AFN-Pacific Korea, 5:30 a.m.—College footall: CBS College Football Today. ball: Auburn at Alabama.

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6:39 a.m.—College football: Wisconsin at Iowa. AFR-Pacific/Korea, 9 a.m.—College football: Brigham Young at Utah. AFR-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.—College football: ESPN College GameDay Scoreboard. AFR-Atlantic, AFR-Radio Okinawa/Korea, 9:45 a.m.—College football: Florida at Florida State.

AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR
Busch Grand National Ford 300 (dld).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—Tennis: ATP Masters
Cup semifinals, pairings to be determined
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AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.—College football: ESPN college GameDay final.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Golf: World Cup, third ound (did). ound (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—Boxing: Winky Wight vs. Shane Mosley for Wright's WBA and WBC super-welterweight titles (dld).

AFN-Atlantic, 9 p.m.—College football: Ruters at Navy (dld).

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Monday's game
New England at Kansas City

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The National Footbal eague injury report, as provided by the

League: Sunday
ARIZONA CARDINALS (4-5) AT CAROLINA
PARTHERS (2-7) — Cardinals; QUESTION
ABLE: LB Karlos anasby (neck); WR Nate
PROBABLE: DT Damell Dockett (groin); GB en
aldo Hill (shoulder); LB Leon Jdc (groin); QB
Josh McCown (neck). Panthers: DOUBTHL
LB Dan Morgan (concussion), Q

homme (right thumb): RB Joey Harris (ham-string); CB Artrell Hawkins (hamstring); RB 1900; CB Joek (March K. John); KBOP (March 1901; CB Joek (March K. Joek); BT (March 1901; CB Joek (March March Moore); DT Kindal Moore ANIS (3-4) — RICORIS; QUESTIONABLE: DE Brady Smith (ankie), Glants; OUT: S Jack Brewer (lower leg), QUESTIONABLE: RB Michael Cloud (back); LB Barrett Green (knee/ankie); C Shaun O'Hara (ankie); T Margues Sullivan (ankie); S Gibril Wilson

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DENVER BRONCOS (6-3) AT NEW ORLEANS
JAINTS (4-5) — Broncos: DUT: DT Luther Elss (call'); DE Trevor Pryce (back), QUESTIONIBLE: S John Lynch (back), Saints: DOUBTUL: LB Derrick Rodgers (back), QUESTIONBLE: TE Ernie Conwell (shoulder); CB Mike

MCKenzie (knee).

DETROIT LIONS (4-5) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (5-4) — Lions: OUT: LB Boss Bailey
(knee). DOUBTFUL: WR Az-Zahir Hakim (hip) OUESTIONABLE: DE Jared DeVries (groin): WR Tai Streets (hamstring); RB Stephen Train (knee) PROBABLE: DT Marcus Bell (Knies), PROBABLE: DI Marcus Beil); LB Donte' Curry (knee); DT Shaun s (neck). Vikings: OUT: LB Raonali (concussion). DOUBTFUL: WR Randy (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: RB elde Moore (ankle). PROBABLE: C Matt

Meweite Moore (annie). PRUMANLE: C Mart I MINDAMAPULS COLTS (6-3) AT CHICAGO BEARS (4-5) — Colts: OUT; 16 dilbert Gardner Inamstring): E juse Peko (ankle). DOUBT-Inamstring): E juse Peko (ankle). DOUBT-INAMS (1-1) — Colts: OUT; 16 dilbert Gardner OLESTONABLE: G Rick Deklulling (chesty): 6 CB Nick Harper (ahpoider). PROBABLE: LB Mike Doss (groin). T Makos Freisa (hack): OUT: LB Marcus Resse, (foot): 18 dilbert OUT: LB Marcus Resse, (foot): 18 dilbert Illiman (ineo). OUESTONABLE: B Larces Briggs (foot): 5 Bobby Gars (groin): 88 Tho-mas 20ves (tol.). PROBABLE: E lon Gilmore

mids Jühres (Wer, Providence Lieberger, Mann John St., 1847).

HAMAI DOLPHINS (1-8) AT SEATTLE SEA-HAWKS (5-4) — Dolphins: OUT: G Jeno James (knee), OUESTIONABLE: WR Marty Booker (ankile); DT Mario Monds (hand). PROBABLE: S Yeremiah Bell (ankile); OB Jay Fiedler (neck/left shoulder); K Olindo Mare (right Cault); RB (1-44); Minor (ankile); T John St. (neck/left shoulder); K Olindo Mare (right call); RB Tavis Minor (ankle); T John St. Clair (ankle), Sealwas Mare (ankle); T John St. Clair (ankle), Sealwas (Sealwas Call); T Sealwas (Sealwas Call); T

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-8) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (3-6) — 49ers: OUT: C Jere-my Newberry (back/knee): CB Ahmed Plumny severantes (3-9) - 49ers; OUT; Čleries ny Newbert; Obez/Arnes; CB Almed Plumny Newbert; Obez/Arnes; CB Almed Plumny Newbert; Obez-Arnes; CB Almed Plumny Newbert; CB Ray Wells (anicle), QUESTIONABLE; CB Saleen Respect (Anicle), DESTIONABLE; CB Saleen Respective (Anicle), Succariers; OUT; S. Jermaine (Anicle), Medicariers; OUT; S. Jermaine (Anicle), Medicariers; OUT; S. Jermaine (Anicle), S. Jermaine (Anicle), Medicariers; OUT; S. Jermaine (Anicle), Jer

QUESTIONABLE: S Antuan Edwards (groin) WR Torry Holt (concussion); WR Dane Look of (ankle), PROBABLE: TE Cameron Cleelanc (knee); RB Marshall Faulk (flu); LB Tommy Polley (Marshring); T Grant Williams (should published to the Concussion of the Co

Coy Wire (abdomen).
TENNESSEE TITANS (3-6) AT JACKSONVILLE
JAGUARS (6-3) — Titans: OUT: WR Tyrone Cai
co (knee): DT Albert Havnesworth (elbow): Ico (knee); DT Albert Haynesworth (elbow) T Brad Hopkins (hand); S Lance Schulters (toot); S Tank Williams (knee), QUESTION-ABLE: RB Chris Brown (toe); LB Rocky Cal-mus (back); DE Carlos Hall (knee); TF Error Kinney (calf); QB Steve McNair (sternum); T Fred Miller (ankle); LB Robert Reynolds (concussion). Jaguars: OUT: TE George Wrighster (back). DOUBTFUL: QB Byron Leftwich (knee). QUESTIONABLE: DT Marcus Stroud (knee). PROBABLE: EJ Buran Bolden (groin); LB Daryl Smith (knee).

GTON REDSKINS (3-6) AT PHILA-PELPHIA EAGLES (8-1) — REDSKINS (3-9) AI PHILA-DELPHIA EAGLES (8-1) — REDSKINS: OUT: LE LAVAR Arrington (knee); DE Phillip Daniels (groin); K John Hall (right groin), OUESTION-ABLE: LB Mike Barrow (knee). PROBABLE (grah); It John Hall strong group. SHESI JAEPS, WAS ALLEY WAS ALLE

GREEN BAY PACKERS (5-4) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (4-5) — Packers: QUESTIONABLE: RE Najeh Davenjor (hamstring); TE David Ma-tin (Ince). PROBABLE: RB Ahman Green (knee); DT Grdy Jackson (linessy/nee); S Darren Sharper (knee). Texans: DOUBTFUL: CB Jason Simmons (head). QUESTIONABLE: LB Antwan Peek (ankle); T Todd Wade (ankle): DE Gary Walker (foot). PROBABLE: RB Tony Hollings (hamstring); G Chester Pitts (ankle).

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College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 fared

Narsas (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Vermont. Friday.
 Wake Forest (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Commonwealth, Thursday.
 Georgia Tech (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama State. Friday.
 North Carolina (0-0) did not play. Next:

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Howard, Saturday.

18. Alabama (6-0) did not play. Next: vs.
Western Carolina, Friday.
19. North Carolina State (1-0) beat New Or-leans 92-58. Next: vs. Elon, Thursday.
20. Notre Dame (0-0) did not play. Next: vs.
Harvard, Friday.
21. Wisconsin (0-0) did not play. Next: vs.

21. wisconsin (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. ennsylvania, Saturday. 22. Washington (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. ieattle Pacific, Friday. 23. Florida (0-0) did not play. Next: at Jack-onville, Friday. 24. Maemshir (2

25. Florida (10-0) did not play. Next: at Jack-sonville, Friday. 24. Memphis (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. St. Mary's, Califr., Thursday. 25. Gonzaga (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Portland State, Friday.

Wednesday's men's scores

EAST Merrimack 80, Mass.-Lowell 68 Pitt.-Johnstown 83, Bloomsburg SOUTH SOUTH
Anderson, S.C. 78, Mars Hill 70
Elizabeth City St. 75, Bluefield St. 62
Rollins 88, Puerro Rico-Mayaguez 47
rampa 102, Puerro Rico-Cayey 58
Cardinal Stritch 93, Bidlana-Northwe
Concordia, Neb. 56, Bellewue 54
Findlay 100, Urbana 78, Mars R.S. diana-Northwest 86

First Round
East Carolina 80, Pepperdine 58
Elon 73, Fairleigh Dickinson 59
N.C. State 92, New Orleans 58
Dregon St. 69, Siena 67
Preseason NIT Preseason NIT Quarterfinals Michigan 69, Cólorado 60 EXHIBITION Ball St. 79, Taylor 51 Hofstra 77, N.Y. Tech 53 Rutgers 88, Georgetown, Ky. 70

Wednesday's women's scores

SOUTHWEST
Henderson St. 92, Jarvis Christian 45
TOURNAMENT
Preseason NIT
Semifinals
Notre Dame 76, Duke 65
Ohio St. 78, Arizona 45
EXHIBITION

Coker 82, Converse 56 Hofstra 77, N.Y. Tech 53 Rollins 67, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 53 Tampa 82, Puerto Rico-Cavey 25

College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday, Nov. 18 No. 15 Virginia Tech vs. Maryla Saturday, Nov. 20 No. 2 Auburn at Alabama No. 2 Oklahoma at Baylor No. 4 California vs. Stanford No. 5 Utah vs. BYU No. 7 Michigan at Okla Stanford

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No. 8 Louisville at Houston
No. 10 Florida State vs. Florida
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No. 15 Boise State vs. Louisiana Tech
No. 18 LSU vs. Mississippi
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Tennis

ATP Masters Cup

Wednesday
At The West Side Tennis Club
Houston
Purse: Singles, \$3,7 million; Doub
\$750,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
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Round Robin

Singles Round Robin Blue Group () 1-0; Marat afin (4), 1-0; Guillermo Coria (6), 0-1; Timenman (7), 0-1.

rtenman (7), 0-1... "Red Group Carlos Moya (5), Spain, def. Gaston Gaudio (8), Argenting, def. Gaston Gaudio (8), Argenting, def. Ley-ton Hewitt (3), Australia, 6-3, 6-4 1-1; Gaudio, 5-4

College soccer

Men's Division I tournament

First Round Friday, Nov. 19 Akron (13-4-3) at Michigan (10-7-4) Western Illinois (11-5-1) at Northw (4-5-2) Santa Clara (15-5-0) at California (12-3-3)

George Washington (9-8-4) at North Caroli-na (10-8-2) UCF (10-6-2) at Florida International (11-6-0) UCF (10-6-2) at FROM (11-6-0) College of Charleston (16-5-1) at South Carolina (12-6-1) arolină (12-6-1) Memphis (16-3-1) at Ohio State (10-6-2) Coastal Carolina (14-7-1) at Duke (14-5) Dartmouth (7-3-6) at Boston Univers

10-7-2) Michigan State (12-6-1) at Tulsa (10-6-3) Portland (11-7-2) at Washington (11-6-2) Saturday, Nov. 20 Marist (11-7-0) at Connecticut (11-7-3) Long Island University (9-6-4) at America Marist (11-7-0) at Connecticut (11-7-3) Long Island University (9-6-4) at American (14-5-2) Hofstra (11-9-1) at Seton Hall (12-6-3) Cal State Northridge (11-5-2) at Loyola Marymount (10-7-3) Wisconsin-Millwaukee (13-4-3) at San Fran-cisco (14-4-1)

Women's Division I tournament

Third Round
Friday, Nov. 19
Texas (15-6-2) at Portland (19-3-0)
Saturday, Nov. 20
Santa Clara (16-4-2) at North Carolina (19-0-2)

Nebraska (14-8-0) at Illinois (15-5-2) Boston College (16-6-0) at Princeton (17-2-0) Connecticut (18-6-1) at. Notre Dame (21-1-1) 21-1-1)
Duke (14-7-0) at UCLA (15-6-0)
Maryland (9-6-4) at Washington (16-4-1)
Sunday, Nov. 21
Tennessee (17-4-2) at Ohio St. (18-3-3)

Golf

Deals

Dunlop Phoenix

At Phoenix Country Club Miyazaki, Japan Purse: \$1.89 million Yardage: 6,901; Par: 70 First Round Tiger Woods, United States Kaname Yokoo, Japan Hideto Tanhara, Japan

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Ryoken Kuboya, Jungon Higaki, Japan Go Higaki, Japan Daniel Chopra, Sweden Baniel Chopra, Sweden Robert Allenby, Australia Also Todd Hamilton, United S Thomas Biorn, Denmark

36-37-73 38-37-75

Wednesday's transactions

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with
RHP Troy Percival on a two-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Named Jeff Brookens,
RHP Association of the Association of t motes Paul Pierson to assistant director of 10005270 LTGSD-Numed Enos Cabell and Al Pedrigue special assistants to the Orderson of State State State State MILWAUKEE BERVEES - Purchased the contract of SS_II Hurry, of Find Nelson Hurry Company of State State Hurry Company of State Hurry Company of State PHALE STATE STATE STATE PH

ninor league contracts.

BASKETBALL

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National Basketball Association

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nderson Varejao on the injured list.

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om the injured list. MILITARIAN
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om the injured list.
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Placed G Baron
the injured list. Activated G Tim

Davis on the injured list. Activated G Tim Pickett from the injured list. American Basketball Association HARLEM—Announced the team name will be Revival. Revival.

POOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed P Nick Mury, Placed FB Ovie Mughelli on injured re-

Prve.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed G Tyson Clabo

the practice squad, Waived RB Kris Briggs to the practice squad. Wälved RB Kns Briggs from the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed OL Trevor hutton from the practice squad. Signed OL Bryan Fletcher, practice squad. Released TE Bryan Fletcher, and the practice squad. Re-hand Galloway to the practice squad. Re-ference of the practice squad. Re-ference of the practice squad. Re-ference of the practice squad.

leased OT Reese Hicks from the practice
AMM BAY BUCCAMERS—Signed D8 Kentrell Curry and R8 Sultan McCullough to the
practice squad. Released 0E Charles Alton
and K 18y Taylor freecome and K 18y Taylor freecome
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EAST CAROLINA — Announced the resigna-on of John Thompson, football coach, effection of John Thompson, football coach, effective at the end of the season,
EASTERN NEW MEXICO—Promoted Mark
Blaudo from defensive coordinator to footFORDHAM—Named Margaret Ellis director
of men's basketball operations.
SAINT MARTIN'S—Announced the resignation of Clyde Reis, women's volleyball

sach. SPRINGFIELD—Named Heather Sharp and bott Foulis women's assistant baskethall

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Report: Spurrier bound for South Carolina

Newspaper says ex-Florida coach will step in if Holtz retires after season

rier has agreed to take over as football coach at South Carolina if Lou Holtz retires at the end of the season, The Tennessean of Nashville reported in Thursday's edi-

An announcement regarding Spurrier, who won a national championship at Florida, is exnected next week the newspaper said, citing an anonymous source close to the situation.

South Carolina spokesman Kerry Tharp denied the report. He said the 67-year-old Holtz still needs to decide whether to return for a seventh season with the Gamecocks.



"Let's let him make that assess ment." Tharp told The Associated Press. "I can't comment on what soon leave it at that."

South Carolina athletic director Mike McGee would not confirm or deny the report and referred all questions to Tharp. Holtz canceled a scheduled to meeting with the media Thursday after practice

Several times this season Holtz has said he felt tired and worn out. He's also mentioned that Spurrier would be a good choice to succeed him

This week, as the Gamecocks (6-4, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) prepared for Saturday's game with Clemson, Holtz addressed reports that South Carolina contacted Spurrier.

said. "I don't want to go in that direction, but I have talked to him We talked about how you cure a slice, his son, etc. Steve's a good friend of mine, as I said. All I want to talk about is Clemson, Clemson, Clemson, That's all,

That's the only thing on my

There was much speculation that Sourrier would return to Florida next season, following the recent firing of Ron Zook But Snurrier pulled his name out of the running, saying coaching years at one school was probably

Spurrier and Holtz are friends Spurrier helped Holtz's wife, Florida's NCAA faculty advisor Dr. Nicholas Cassisi for treatment for her throat cancer.

Spurrier, 59, went 20-13-1 in three seasons at Duke before tak-ing over at Florida, his alma mater, in 1990. The Gators won six Southeastern Conference championships and the 1996 national title under Spurrier. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage league history.

Spurrier abruptly left after the 2001 season, taking over the Washington Redskins. Spurrier resigned after two seasons with a 12-20 record.

MLB owners delay vote on Expos' move

BY NANCY ARMOUR

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Major League Baseball owners surprisingly did not vote Thursday on the pronosed move of the Montreal Expos to Washington.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said he still expected the move to take place, and said owners will vote on the deal by Dec. 6.

"There are a myriad of issues still in play, so there was no vote taken," Selig said.

very near future."

The District of Columbia government has delayed approving financing for a new ballpark. The Expos' agreement with Washington calls for funding to be in place by Dec. 31.

"The City Council has nothing to do with it," Selig said, adding that the postponement of a decision was caused by "internal is-

Baseball officials said they planned to announce Friday when

There has been great local interest in Expos in Washington. which has been without a major league team since 1971, and season tickets went on sale Thursday morning. Plans call for a new ballpark to be built along the Anacostia River about a dozen blocks south of the U.S. Capitol, and for the Expos to play there starting in

While the agreement estimates the cost of refurbishing RFK Stadium, land acquisition and ball-

some D.C. council members have claimed it would be far higher, perhaps \$600 million or more

District of Columbia Council Chair Linda Cropp postponed a Nov. 9 vote on the deal, saying the District should spend two weeks seeking private financing. The money would come from a new tax on the city's largest businesses, a tax on baseball-related income and lease payments by the team's new owners.

NHL lockout unlikely to end anytime soon

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The NHL players' union is answering the league's hard stance with one of its own, offering little hope for resolution of the lockout that threatens to wipe out the

The NHL Players' Association and 62 agents presented a unified front as they emerged from a six-hour informational session Wednesday, saying the union has presented a solid proposal and it's now up to the owners to come to the bargaining table.

If the owners refuse to budge, hockey won't be played "for a long, long time," agent Ritch Winter said.

"I guarantee the framework laid by the NHLPA will be what we will sign at one point," Winter said, "I can only hope the owners pay a little attention, understand what it proposes, because it appears for the most part they do not. When they do, they'll un-derstand the players as a group have given in a way that guarantees we can play hock-

The lockout, in its 63rd day, was imposed by Commissioner Gary Bettman after the collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15

The NHL and the players association haven't met since Sept. 9, and have no plans to return to the bargaining table.

The All-Star Game has already been canceled, and the Stanley Cup finals are in danger of being wiped out for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza

"We've got real concerns that we're going to lose the seathere's no question." agent Don Baizley said.

English golfer apologizes for saying he 'hates' Americans

The Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain — English golfer Paul Casey apologized Thursday for derogatory comments he made about Americans

Casey was quoted in English newspapers saying he "hated" Americans. He said he'd made the statement in the context of the attitude he had going into the Ryder Cup two months ago which Eurone won in a landslide against the United States. "I'd like to apologize and do ev-

erything I could to take it back. Casey said Thursday, after shooting an-11-under par 61 with part-ner Luke Donald in the World Ireland's Padraig Harrington

and Paul McGinley and Austria's Martin Wiegele and Markus Brier shared the first-round lead with a score of 60.
Casey, 27, lives in Scottsdale.

Arizona, attended college at Arizona State and will play full-time next season on the U.S. PGA Tour. He said he had been besieged with "huge negative feedback, a lot of nasty stuff" after his comments were widely reported on Wednesday.

He said he explained himself to American golfers Bob Tway and Scott Verplank, who are playing in the tournament in Seville "I think they understood. At

least I hope they did," he said. A headline quoting Casey in

Sports briefs

Wednesday's The Mirror newspaper read: "Americans are stupid. I hate them." He went on in the story to criticize the choice of Tom Lehman as 2006 American Ryder Cup captain.

"I regret what I said. Unfortunately the story has been run with and there is nothing I can do about that," Casey said. "I can't do anything to correct it now. I wish I could.

"I have nothing against the States whatsoever. I wouldn't live there if I did. I pay my taxes there, my coach, girlfriend and friends are there. I wish I could

U.S. keeps Jamaica from advancing in Cup qualifying

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Jamaica failed to advance in World Cup qualifying, tying the United States 1-1 Wednesday in a game the Reggae Boyz needed to win. For the Americans, the match

was merely a tuneup and a chance to give several young players World Cup qualifying experience. The Americans, who got a goal from Eddie Johnson, won a spot in next year's six-team regional finals with a 6-0 win over Panama last month.

Panama advanced to the region-

al finals with a 3-0 win over El Salvador on Wednesday

Ohio fires football coach

ATHENS, Ohio — Ohio coach Brian Knorr was fired Thursday after leading the Robcats to an 11-35 record in four seasons.

Ohio had a 4-7 mark this season. The Bobcats opened the season 3-2, including a win at Kentucky, but then dropped five of their last six games. Ohio went 2-10 in 2003

Knorr was promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach December 2000 after Jim Grobe left to coach Wake Forest.

Woods takes early lead in Dunlop Phoenix

MIYAZAKI, Japan - Tiger Woods overcame soggy conditions to fire a 5-under 65 for a three-stroke lead Thursday after the first round of the Dunlon

Playing in a steady downpour at the Phoenix Country Club, Woods opened with a birdie on the par-4 10th hole and added four more to take the lead in the \$1.89 million tournament, the richest on the Japanese tour.

Greek sprinters charged with dodging doping test

ATHENS, Greece - Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou and their coach were charged Thursday with avoiding a drug test on the eve of the Athens Olympics and faking a motorcycle accident hours later

Chief prosecutor Dimitris Papangelopoulos, announcing the results of a two-month investiga tion, issued charges against the two athletes and coach Christos Tzekos. The coach was also charged with illegally importing and selling banned substances.

Twelve others - including seven doctors at the state-run hospital where Thanou and Kenteris were treated after the alleged motorcycle crash - were charged with making false statements.

Kenteris, 31, won gold in the 200 meters at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, and Thanou, 29, won silver in the 100 meters.

Henman easily beats Coria in Masters Cup

HOUSTON - Tim Henman overwhelmed Guillermo Coria 6-2, 6-2 Thursday in round-robin action in the ATP Masters Cup Championships.

Henman evened his record at 1-1. while French Open finalist Coria, still recovering from shoulder surgery, dropped to 0-2. The top players from the Red and Blue groups meet in Saturday's semifinals.

Later, second-seeded Andy Roddick was to face Marat Safin in a matchup of past U.S. Open champions.

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High stakes in rivalry

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

There's no better way to salvage a disannointing season than ruining your archrivals' grand plans.

Picks

Alabama, Ohio State, BYU and Stanford have that opportunity Saturday. Auburn (10-0), tied for second in the AP rankings, brings national title hopes into the Iron

Bowl against Alabama. "It's good that we're playing this game, because it's so important to everybody," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "You can forget all about

"This game means so much to so many people families, brothers, sisters - we'll get their full atten-

Alabama (6-4) has the No. 2 total defense in the nation and the top rushing offense in the Southeastern Conference. But the Crimson Tide have been hampered by season-ending injuries to quarterback Brodie Croyle and tailback Ray Hudson. Croyle's injury has basically left Alabama with a one-dimensional offense, a major problem against an Auburn defense that ranks No. 1 in the country in points allowed (9.3

In the Big Ten's most heated rivalry, No. 7 Michigan (9-1) will be trying to lock up a second straight conference title and trip to the Rose Bowl against an Ohio State team that has tumbled after two straight double-digit-win seasons and a national title in 2002.

"It's going to be a tough, physical battle," Michigan offensive lineman David Baas said. "It is every single year, no matter the record, or problems schools are having. It is Ohio State vs. Michigan, it is 'The game

On the field, the Buckeyes (6-4, 3-4) are in dang of their first losing Big Ten record since 1999. Off the field, coach Jim Tressel and athletic director Andy Geiger have been defending the program against former Buckeyes star Maurice Clarett's accusations of cheating.

Fifth-ranked Utah (10-0) is trying to become the first team from a non-BCS conference to earn a BCS bowl bid. A win over rival BYU (5-5) would all but seal a trip to one of the \$14 million games: a loss sends Utah to the Liberty Bowl as Mountain West

champs, where they'd get a check for \$1.35 million. The Cougars, meanwhile, are just trying to become eligible for any bowl.

Then there's the Big Game between California (8-1) and Stanford (4-6). The fourth-ranked Golden Bears are trying to reach the Rose Bowl for the first time in 46 years, while their Bay Area rivals are trying to break a four-game losing streak.

The picks:

No. 2 Auburn (minus 10) at Alabama: Tigers have won two straight in Tuscaloosa ... AUBURN 27-6. No. 2 Oklahoma (minus 341/2) at Baylor: S can't afford even slight slip ... OKLAHOMA 52-14. Stanford (plus 24) at No. 4 California: Cal has won two straight in Big Game ... CAL 44-17.

BYU (plus 211/2) at No. 5 Utah: Fiesta time in Salt Lake City - as in Fiesta Bowl for Utes ... UTAH

38.24 No. 7 Michigan (minus 51/2) at Ohio State: Buckeyes muddle Big Ten race ... OHIO STATE 22-20.

No. 8 Louisville (minus 21) at Houston: Cardinals won 66-45 last season ... LOUISVILLE 55-28. No. 9 Wisconsin (plus 3) at No. 17

Hawkeyes send Michigan to Rose Bowl ... IOWA 17-16 Florida (plus 7) at No. 10 Florida State: Gators

aven't won in Tallahassee since 1986 ... FLORIDA

Wake Forest (plus 181/2) at No. 12 Miami: ACC title still possible for Hurricanes ... MIAMI 38-17. Louisiana Tech (plus 24) at No. 13 Boise State: Broncos' defense plays better on Smurf Turf ... BOISE STATE 48-20.

Mississippi (plus 20½) at No. 14 LSU: Tigers eyeing Cotton Bowl bid ... LSU 28-13.

No. 15 Tennessee (minus 13) at Vanderbilt: Vols have won 21 straight against Commodores ... TEN-**NESSEE 24-14.**

No. 18 Virginia (minus 6) at Georgia Tech: Cavs 7-0 against teams not from Florida ... VIRGINIA 26.14

No. 19 Boston College (minus 14) at Temple: Eales two wins away from BCS bid ... BOSTON COL-LEGE 38-20.

SMU (plus 21) at No. 24 UTEP: Defense has led Miners' turnaround ... UTEP 34-10. Last week: 16-3 (straight): 10-8-1 (vs. points).

Season: 165-44 (straight): 104-92-5 (vs. points).



Alex Smith will try to help Utah



OR Aaron Rodgers aims to end



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College football schedule/statistics

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Division I-A team statistics

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xas A&M	693					
innesota	756	4909	446.3			
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Southern California	292	692	69.2				
Boise St.	263		76.9				
Troy	375						
Nebraska	342						
Iowa	326	951	95.1				
Notre Dame	353	955	95.5				
California	293		96.2				
Purdue	326		98.7				
New Mexico	365	997	99.7				
LSU	317	899	99.9				
Auburn	336	1000	100.0				
Oklahoma	327	1015	101.5				
Georgia Tech	299	963	107.0				
Virginia	299	968	107.6				
Marshall	362	1085	108.5				
North Carolina St.	391	1096	109.6				

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Div. I-A individual statistics Rushing							
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eterson, Oklahoma	254	1431	5.6	14			
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wards, Michigan	10	76	1049	7.6
ses, Rutgers	9	68	767	7.6
wers, Nevada	10	75	966	7.5
avis, Marshall	10	75	795	7.5
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ss. Oregon St.	10	72	1120	7.2
ore, Toledo	10	70	870	7.0
over, Texas Tech	8	56	595	7.0
ıbblfield. Purdue	10	68	876	6.8
Imore, Northwestern	8 1	54	633	6.8

Confident Wolfpack overwhelms New Orleans

Balanced attack gives N.C. State easy victory

BY KEITH PARSONS

RALEIGH NC - Time and again, a North Carolina State player turned down an open shot choosing instead to pass the ball to an open teammate.

"I'm just really proud of them because they did it the right way," Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek said. "We all kind of like ourselves, and it's commendable when you have people willing to

Julius Hodge led a balanced attack with 21 points, and No. 19 N.C. State jumped on New Orleans early in a 92-58 victory Wednesday night in the first round of the BCA Invitational.

Jordan Collins scored a career-high 17 points, Engin Atsur had 14 and four other players finished with at least eight.

"We shared the ball tonight like never before," said Tony Bethel, who joined Hodge with a game-high six assists. "We made the extra pass. Guys were passing

up good shots to get a great one." N.C. State advanced to the sec-



North Carolina State's Cameron Bennerman (13) takes the ball away from New Orleans' Bo McCalebb during the first half Wednesday in the first round of the BCA Invitational in Raleigh, N.C.

ond round and will play Elon, which beat Fairleigh Dickinson

The Wolfpack made their first five shots and scored the first 11 points, never giving the Priva-

teers and coach Monte Towe a

Towe starred at N.C. State during the 1970s, leading a team that included David Thompson and Tommy Burleson to the 1974

Thompson and Burleson sat behind the scorer's table for this one, watching as their former teammate tried in vain to keep New Orleans in the game. The Pri vateers had more turnovers than baskets well into the second half. and they even resorted to running down the shot clock.

Nothing helped, mostly because the Wolfpack were too good. After Collins started the scoring with two free throws, Bethel and Levi Watkins each made two three-pointers. Collins added a three-point play, and N.C. State didn't miss until Hodge's first shot about 51/2 minutes into the

"This has been a highlight for me, to bring my team in here to Raleigh," Towe said. "I have to give North Carolina State all the credit in the world. I've always thought Herb Sendek has done a great job, and he'll continue to do so if everybody keeps supporting

Atsur had four threes the first half - as the Wolfpack went 11-for-28 from beyond the arc. They had 80 points with well over 10 minutes left in the game. thanks to that unselfish style of play that included 24 assists.

Bo McCalebb led New Orleans with 21 points, the team's only player in double figures.

hanging in there and hanging tough," Towe said. "I thought Bo showed everybody that he can

play with anybody in the country.' The Privateers used a brief run to get within 47-27 near the end of the first half, but N.C. State

closed with nine straight points. Ilian Evtimov started it off with a jumper, and Hodge added two lavups.

After a turnover, Cameron Bennerman followed up a miss by Bethel with a powerful dunk. Hodge made a free throw with less than a second left to close out the scor-

"I guess making shots can be contagious," Hodge said. "Guys were really feeding off each other. This is the most confident the team has been in the offense since I've been here. We're just going to continue to follow the

The second half wasn't much better for New Orleans. With the score 61-37, Collins started a 13-0 spurt with another three-point play. Eytimoy followed with a layup of a nifty pass from Bethel, Bennerman had four points and Hodge added his own rim-shaking dunk.

Freshman Gavin Grant closed it out with his first basket, a jumper from the wing.

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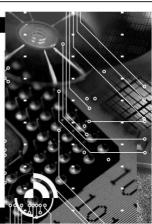


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A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS



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The five drivers in contention for the Nextel Cup entering Sunday's season finale in Homestead, Fla.; Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch, Mark Martin and Jeff Gordon,

Season's last race will determine NASCAR's next champion

By JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. orget the math or the infinite number of potential scenarios to determine

who will win NASCAR's Nextel Cup title. There should be only one strategy for the five drivers still eligible to win the title Sunday at Home-

stead-Miami Speedway: win the race and don't worry about what the other competitors are doing. With five racers separated by 82 points headed into the final event of NASCAR's 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup Champi-

onship, a crew chief could go mad trying to crunch the numbers to figure out what his driver has to do to win

So why even bother?

"We'll have a 'Go for broke' attitude," said four-time series cham-pion Jeff Gordon. "We have noth-

ing to lose, we'll give it everything we've got, and hope to come out on top

"We have to win."

Kurt Busch heads into the finale with an 18-point lead over Jimmie Johnson. Gordon trails Busch by 21 points, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 72 out and Mark Martin is 82 points behind.

The race is so tight that even if Gordon wins and leads the most laps, he can still lose the title if Busch simply finishes second.

The only sure bet is Busch. If he wins the race, he wins his first series title no matter what the others do.

Under the current scoring system, a win earns 180 points, a last-place finish gets 34 points and all the positions in between are staggered. Five-point bonuses are given to any driver who leads a lap, and an additional five-point bonus is awarded for leading the most lans in a race.

the three drivers ahead of him all have horrible finishes.

If Junior won the race and led

So if Busch wins the race, he is guaranteed 185 points. Even if Johnson, or Gordon, or anyone else finishes second and earned two bonuses - five points for leading one lap, and five more for leading the most laps — it would still only equal 180 points, not him.

to overcome the lead

Busch already has. "I think if I'm Kurt, I would be really nervous," said Earnhardt. "He's in the situation where, you know, it's really basically up to him and his team to win or lose

enough

it Earnhardt and Martin have a much tougher battle ahead because, for all practical purposes, it's a three-man chase. Both of them can only hope to play the spoiler

At 72 points back, Earnhardt needs a terrific finish and hope

the most laps, Busch would have to finish 29th or worse and not lead a lap for Earnhardt to win the title. But Earnhardt would still have to contend with Gordon and Johnson and hope both of them also finished well behind

"We dug ourselves a pretty big hole, and it will be difficult to climb out and still win this championship," Earnhardt said.

"We're going to have to be the best team at Homestead as well

as the luckiest. "I think the Boston Red Sox

kind of showed everybody this year what a team can achieve by not giving up, so we'll go into Homestead as a team still with a chance to win the championship. Martin is in the same situation.

Still searching for his first series title, he's stopped thinking about how to win it and focused instead on the only thing he can control. 'We are 82 out, but we still have a shot, but it really doesn't matter because we are going there to try and win the [race] and that's really all we can do. Martin said.

The points scenario is similar to the 1992 race, when four drivers battled for that title.

In the season-ending event at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the late Davey Allison started with a Davey Allison started with a 30-point lead over the late Alan Kulwicki. Allison was 40 points up on Bill Elliott Allison needed to finish sixth or

better to clinch the title, but after running sixth for much of the race, he crashed with Ernie Irvan. Kulwicki and Elliott were left to decide the title, and be-cause Kulwicki led the most laps in the race, he clinched the 10-noint honus

Elliott won the race, Kulwicki finished second and won the title because he led a single lap more

than Elliott. It could get just as wild at Homestead

NASGAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 36: Ford 400. 2 a.m. Monday. AFN-Sports.

Last race: Jimmie Johnson won for the fourth time in five races and moved within 18 points of standings leader Kurt Busch by taking the Mountain Dew Southern 500 in Darlington, S.C. Five drivers head into this weekend's finale separated by just 82 points.

Last year: Bobby Labonte won the Ford 400 after Bill Elliott's rear tire exploded on the last lap.



He can also

tories and top-10 finish

the titl scored four top-10 finishes in five races at onship if he finish- 18 points of the Homestead, but es second and lead. It'll all be it's one of only earns five bonus wasted if he has four Nextel Cup points for leading a poor showing tracks where at least one lap. this week. he's never won.



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The last time a points race was this close heading into the final event was 1992, when six

FAST FACTS

was 1992, when six drivers were sepa-rated by 113 points. Alan Kulwicki won that year. ... The polesitter has won this race two of the last three years. ... NASCAR chairman Brian France an-nounced Monday that the new points nounced Monday that the new points system will be re-tained next year.

POINTS RACE After 35 of 36 races

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4.094 16. Jeff Burton 3 847 3,813 17. Rusty Wallace 18. Joe Nemechek 3,796 19. Michael Waltrin 3.766 20. Sterling Marlin 3.742

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econd-closest margin in series nistory Fast facts: This is the final race of the leason. ... Truex is the first driver to win

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: Ford 200 at Home (Tape-delayed, 5 p.m. Sati

Last year: Controversy clouded the finish of the closest championship in the history of the series, with Travis Kvapil winning the title and Ted Mus-grave winding up angry in third in the grave winding up angry in third in the Ford 200. Musgrave was penalized for darting out of line during a caution and pulling to the left alongside Dennis Set-zer before they reached the starting line. Bobby Hamilton won the race.

INDY RACING

in 19 races by taking the

CHAMP CARS

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Juan Pablo Montoya won in is final race for Williams-BMW, beat-ig future McLaren teammate Kimi alkkonen in the Brazilian Grand Prix on

Eagles WR Owens apologizes for role in 'MNF' skit

BY DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - While Terrell Owens would never say he's sorry for his flashy touchdown celebrations, he did apologize Thursday to anyone offended by his role in a steamy segment with ac-tress Nicollette Sheridan for the intro to "Monday Night Football."

"I felt like it was clean, the organization felt like it was a clean skit and I think it just really got taken out of context with a lot of people and I apologize for that," Owens said.

"Personally I didn't think it would have offended anyone and,

if it did. I apologize. ABC and the Eagles also apologized this week, with the team saying it wished the titillating segment "hadn't aired.

The opening, which has generated complaints to ABC and the Federal Communications Com-



Sheridan (of the hit show "Desperate House wives" wearing only

a towel and provocativeasking

Owens to skip

game for her as the two stood alone in a locker room. She drops the towel and jumps into Owens' arms.

Owens had no idea the intro would create such outrage.

"I thought it was a fun skit and that was it," Owens said

Owens, known for his outrageous touchdown celebrations, seemed to believe the skit was generating controversy because of his participation, not because

"Anything I get involved with, I'm obviously a target," he said. "It happened."

The sexually charged promo goes way beyond Owens. Reaction - are you ready for some controversy? - has ranged

from amusement to anger. Indianapolis Colts coach Tony

Dungy found it racially offensive; Owens is black and Sheridan is

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb wasn't quite as vocal, saying he didn't find the segment offensive and believed people were overreacting. Micha-

el Powell, chairman of the FCC, questioned ABC's judgment in airing the scene. Even Rush Limbaugh, who made a racially charged critique

of McNabb last season, chimed in on his radio show, saying he was "shocked" by the content which

was "too close to this Kobe Bryant situation for comfort.

Eagles receiver Freddie Mitchell said Thursday it was difficult to know if Dungy was correct about the incident being "stereotypical" of black athletes without seeing reaction of the same promo with a white athlete. Mitchell also said the hoonla was magnified because of Owens' participa-

"TO has a lot of haters out there that really hate him and want to see him do wrong, so they blow a lot of little stunts out of proportion," Mitchell said.

Owens claimed he hadn't heard any of Dungy's reaction and wondered what all the fuss was about when kids can watch potentially offensive programming at the same time every night.

"I don't think it's any different than little kids watching "South Park" or "King of the Hill" or

of that nature," Owens said. "Everybody knows the content surrounded by those shows. My thing is, what's the differ-

ence The difference is that most parents know the content of those shows and might try and keep their children away from the notty-mouthed cartoons Parents have little control when something sexy spontaneously airs before a football game.

Then again, one should know by now that sex and sports go together like Owens and distractions. Just check out the close-up shots of scantily clad cheerlead ers, ever-present ads for erectile disfunction or Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction at Febru-

the story made the front page of newspapers around the country,

Brunell: Benching not end of career

ASHBURN, Va. Mark Brunell is 34 years old, has the worst stats in the league and has lost his job to a vounger player two years in a row

Is retirement on the table? "No, I don't think so," the Wash

ington Redskins quarterback said. "I feel real good about how I can play. It hasn't worked out these first nine games, of course. But I still have a lot of confi-

He has to draw deep within himself to find it Brunell's 63.9 quarterback rating ranks last in the NFL, a far cry from his 85.2 rating that ranked 11th in NFL history at the start of the season.

Last year, he was made expendable in Jacksonville by the arrival of Byron Leftwich. This year, he was been replaced by Patrick Ramsey

Brunell's games have made for difficult viewing. He has shown no consistent ability to complete passes downfield, and even his short throws to wide open receivers are missing the mark. Brunell and the coaching staff insist the 11-year veteran has more snaps to play before he's done. "I've had a lot of success in this

league," Brunell said. "And the body feels good. It's always one week at a time, one season at a time, but right now, going into this week, I'm the backup That's my role, and I will have a

good attitude and keep working hard and see where this goes." Bucs DT McFarland out for season with triceps injury

TAMPA, Fla. - The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' injury-riddled defensive line suffered another major blow Thursday - tackle Anthony McFarland will be miss the remainder of the season with a torn right triceps.

McFarland, who signed a six-year, \$31 million contract that included a \$9.5 million signing bonus before last season, will have surgery to correct the problem that sidelined him most of the past two games.



"It's just one of those things. You can't complain, you've got to get it taken care of and move on, McFarland said by telephone after undergoing an MRI exami-

nation in Birmingham, Ala The Bucs placed the sixth-year to keep Chidi Ahanotu, signed last week because of a lack of depth on the defensive line, in the

starting lineup. McFarland is the third player lost at the under tackle position in the past four games, joining Ellis Wyms (shoulder) and Damian Gregory (knee) on IR.

Delhomme encouraged that he'll play Sunday

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme said he's encouraged about his chances of playing against the Arizona Cardinals after throwing Thursday for the first time this week.

Delhomme didn't take any snaps during practice and was held out of team drills, but did throw on the side for the first time since suffering a hairline fracture in his right thumb this past Sunday at San Francisco.

"I was encouraged, very en-couraged — we'll leave it at that." said Delhomme, who has started 28 straight games for Carolina, including four in the postseason last season.

Delhomme thinks he'll play this week, although he's question able on the team's injury report. Delhomme is coming off his

best two games of the season against Oakland and San Francisco, having thrown for 602 yards and six touchdowns with no interceptions

In the seven games before that, Delhomme had thrown just six touchdown passes with 11 interceptions against much tougher competition

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, fol-lowed by team's prognosis. (See Score-board on Page 40 for complete injury report provided by the league):

Vikings: WR Randy Moss (hamstring)
is listed as doubtful, but the team has said he will not play this week.

Jaguars: QB Byron Leftwich (knee) is toubtful. David Garrard will start in his Browns: TE Chad Mustard (torn ligament in left foot) was placed in injured list Thursday

Titans OB McNair practices but his status uncertain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tenn see quarterback Steve McNair practiced with the first team Wednesday, but coach Jeff Fisher said whether the co-MVP of 2003 plays Sunday against Jacksonville remains a game-time deci-

McNair has not played since bruising his chest for the second time in the second quarter of a 20-3 loss at Minnesota on Oct. 24.

He went straight from practice Wednesday to the training room for treatment, then had a meeting and did not speak to reporters. The Titans (3-6) worry that an-

other hit to the chest could knock out McNair for another two to three weeks, and there's a chance neither starting offensive tackle

Pro Bowl left tackle Brad Honkins had surgery to repair broken bones in his right hand Wednesday and will be replaced by Jason Mathews, an 11-year veteran Mathews also has started at right guard and tight end this season for the banged-up Titans.

They also might be without yeteran right tackle Fred Miller who has struggled with a sore right ankle the past couple weeks. Mill-er would have left last week's 19-17 overtime loss to Chicago if Hopkins had not broken his hand

No fine for alleged spitting

ASHBURN, Va. - The NFL will not fine Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor after looking into allegations that a Cincinnati player was spit on during Sunday's game.

said one of his players was spit on during Cincinnati's victory. Lewis did not name either player involved, although comments from receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh

implied the culprit was Taylor. The league, as it does every week, carefully examined every play from the game and found in sufficient evidence for action.

"Sean Taylor will not be fined," NFL spokesman Michael Signora Thursday. "There was no video evidence to support a fine.

Taylor has not commented on the matter. The No. 5 overall draft pick from Miami hasn't spo-ken to the media since he was arrested and charged with drunken driving on Oct. 28.

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said Wednesday he had not discussed the spitting matter with Taylor.

"It really hasn't been a big deal to me," said Gibbs, who added: "I don't have a clue what's hap-pened here."

Cowboys RB Jones practices IRVING, Texas - Julius Jones practiced for the first time in al

most two months Wednesday but isn't expected to play this week for the Dallas Cowboys

The rookie running back has been out since he broke his left shoulder in his NFL debut, the Cowboys' 19-12 victory over Cleveland on Sept. 19.

Coach Bill Parcells listed Jones as "out" for Sunday's game at Bal-timore. He said he wasn't sure when Jones would play.

Former All-Pro Luis Sharpe sentenced to prison

PHOENIX — Former Arizona Cardinals tackle Luis Sharpe, who pleaded guilty to possession of narcotics last month, was sentenced Thursday to 21/2 years in state prison.

Sharpe, a former All-Pro who played with the Cardinals from 1982-94, was arrested in April by officers who reported seeing him buy drugs. Sharpe allegedly buy drugs. Sharpe allegedly threw a large bag of cocaine out

of his car as officers moved in. has had numerous Sharpe run-ins with the law since 1995.

ary's Super Bowl. When asked if he was shocked Owens quipped, "I always make the front page.

Line: Sticking to run gave Steelers' OL confidence

LINE. FROM BACK PAGE

The results are obvious. The line was so dominating during a 27-3 victory over the Eagles on Nov. 7 that television repeatedly showed replays displaying holes big enough for a bus to drive through — or for the Bus, Jerome Bettis, to run through.

"We realized that we're going to run the ball six, seven times in a row and you just run it," Faneca said. "Just pounding it and driv-ing it and running, we feed off

Jeff Hartings, a nine-year veteran at center and the team's most experienced lineman, agrees it would be difficult for any line to be playing much better.

Offensive line coach Russ Grimm might not agree — after all, he played on one of the best-known lines ever for the Super Bowl champion Redskins. But he appreciates what he's seeing, even if it has been for only about a half-season.

"Now, can we do it consistent-?" he said. "That's the toughest thing.

Vincent doesn't see any letdown coming.

"What's crazy about this year is, after practice, a lot of us know the things we need to work on and we'll just work on it ourselves," he said. "We take pride in what

we're doing.

The Steelers are proving an offensive line need not be studded with expensive high draft picks to be successful. While Faneca and Smith are big-money players, Vin-cent was an undrafted rookie free agent in 2001 and Ross didn't play a game in 1999 or 2000 after the Cowboys let him go following a brief trial in 1998.

"The fall of the offense last year fell on our shoulders," Faneca said. "So we take a little respect for ourselves knowing that us playing well is helping out the offense this year."

Relieved **Anthony** steps up his game

By JOHN MARSHALL The Associated Press

DENVER - Carmelo Anthony's smile is back, and so is his

Hours after prosecutors dropped a drug charge against him. Anthony scored 30 points to help Denver hold off the Toronto Raptors 112-106 Wednesday night. Kenyon Martin added 24 points and 16 rebounds to give the Nuggets the 1-2 combination they had been hoping for.

Anthony was charged with drug possession on Oct. 15 after he was caught with marijuana in his backpack. A friend came forward and said the drugs were his, but the negative attention clearly affected "Melo" early in the sea-

Not anymore. After shooting 27 percent the first four games, Anthony has made 36 of 76 shots the past four, scoring at least 30 points twice.

More importantly, he has been more aggressive and the smile that characterized his stellar rookie season has returned.

"A little bit early in the season I was thinking about it, worrying about what they were going to do, but now I try to put basketball in the middle and work everything

else around it," Anthony said. He learned before the game that prosecutors had dismissed the charges and the good news

seemed to give him a lift. He was aggressive early as he had been in his previous three games - driving hard to

the basket for lavups and fouls. Anthony had 18 points by halftime and added eight in the third quarter to help the Nuggets rally

from a poor second quarter. Anthony also had a key block in the closing minutes and made all 16 of his free throws, including two with 5.6 seconds left to seal Denver's second win in three games since a 1-4 start

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GI			
Philadelphia	4	- 4	.500	-			
Boston	3	3	.500	-			
Toronto	4	- 5	.444				
New York	2	4	.333	1			
New Jersey	2	6	.250	2			
Southeast Division							
Miami	6	3	.667	-			
Orlando	5	3	.625				
Washington	4	4	.500	1			
Atlanta	2	6	.250	3			
Charlotte	1	5	.167	3			
Central Division							
Indiana	6	2	.750	-			
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San Antonio at Philadelphia
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26-28 92 ORLANDO — Hill 13-18 6-6 32, Howard 2-5 1-3 5, Cato 3-5 3-4 9, Stevenson 3-6 1-17, Fran-cis 11-16 10-14 33, Garrity 2-6 0-0 6, Battie 1-8 1-2 3, Turkoglu 4-13 3-4 12, Augmon 0-1 0-0 0, Nelson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-79 25-34 107.

Magic 107, Jazz 92

Pacers 93, Hawks 86

ATLANTA — Harrington 12-19 6-10 30, Walk-er 7-21 0-4 16, Collier 2-5 0-0 4, Diaw 1-2 2-2 4, Anderson 2-8 0-0 4, Drobnjak 1-6 0-0 2, Barry 3-7 0-0 8, Wey 3-5 1-1 8, Childress 2-4 5-6 10, Willis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-78 14-23 86. Willis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-78 14-23 86. INDIANA — Artest 8-12 8-8 24, Croshere 5-10 1-2 13, O'Neal 8-16 9-11 25, Jackson 4-10 0-0 9, Tinsley 3-8 0-0 8, Bender 2-6 1-2 5, FJones 0-4 4-4 4, Gill 1-1 2-2 5, Harrison 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-68 25-29 93.

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MEMPHIS — Battier 5-6 0-212, Gasol 5-55-6 15, Wright 4-10 1-1 9, Wells 11-18 1-1 25, Will-lams 1-6 1-1 4, Miller 2-50-0 5, Swift 2-5 3-5 7, Jones 2-5 1-2 6, Watson 3-4 1-1 7, Cardinal 2-3 3-3 7, Tsakalidis 1-2 0-0 2, Humphrey 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 39-72 16-22 101.

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Patterson 2-5 3-6 7, Telfair 1-3 0-0 2, Outlaw 5-6 1-2 11, Carlisle 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-74 22-33 82.

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Suns 95, Hornets 84

PHOENIX — Richardson 2-10 0-0 4, Marion 9-16 2-2 23, Stoudemire 14-22 10-18 38, Nash 6-10 2-2 16, Johnson 4-7 0-0 9, Jacobsen 1-3 0-0 2, Hunter 1-2 1-2 3, Voskuhl 0-0 0-0 0. To-tals 37-70 15-24 95.

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Warriors 98. Bulls 85

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(Nocioni 9), Golden State 5-4 (D.Davis 9), Assists—Chicago 2-5 (Hinrich 10), Golden State
25 (Claxon 11), Total Touis—Chicago 25,
Golden State 25, A-14,866 (19-50).

Lakers 103, Clippers 89

L.A. CLIPPERS — Simmons 10-15 2-2 23 Brand 7-16 0-0 14, Wilcox 5-11 4-6 14, Mag-gette 9-25 3-3 24, Jaric 2-10 0-0 4, Livingston 0-40-00, Moore 3-40-0, Ross 1-50-02, Brun-son 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 38-92 9-11 89.

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L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers 29 24 22 28-103

Three-Point Goals—LA. Clippers 4-12 (Mag-gette 3-7, Simmons 11, Jaric 0-4), LA. Lakers 5-16 (Atkins 2-8, Walton 1-1, Butter 1-2, Cook 1-4, Bryant 0-1). Folded out—Simmons. Re-bounds—LA. Clippers 49 (Brand 11), LA. Lak-ers 48 (Grant 7). Assists—LA. Clippers 22 (Jaric 7), LA. Lakers 24 (Bryant 11). Total folis—LA. Clippers 23, LA. Lakers 15. A—18,397 (18,597).





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Full-strength Pistons top T-wolves

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Larry Brown was coaching again, Ben Wallace and Chauncey Billups were in the lineup again, and the Detroit Pistons defense showed up,

After allowing more than 100 points in back-to-back losses, De-NBA

troit shut down the Minnesota Timberwolves down the stretch en route to a 93-85 victory Wednesday night.

and Ben back was more important than me, that's for sure," Brown said. "Losing those two has a big effect on your team."

Billups, who missed the Pistons' loss in Utah with a sprained ankle, had 15 of his 21 points in the third quarter.

"I just wanted to be aggressive out there," he said. "We played the way we play — good defense and we took stuff away from Minnesota."

Wallace was out two games because of a death in his family, but returned to help Detroit hold Minnesota scoreless during a key six-minute stretch of the fourth

"That's our game," he said. "Our legs were fresh and we were able to play tight

Brown missed five games, including three losses, with a hip problem. The team announced an hour before the game that he would probably not coach, but he joined the team during pregame introductions. Brown had a special chair at courtside to ease the pain

"I felt stupid — Joe Dumars told me that I must be the first coach to ever be a

game-time decision," Brown said. Richard Hamilton led Detroit

points and Tayshaun Prince added 19 Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 13 re-bounds for Minnesota, while Latrell

Sprewell scored 24. "Detroit makes it tough on you, because all five of their players go to the basket," Garnett said. "They make you beat them by shooting jump shots, and you can't win a

Pacers 93, Hawks 86: At Indianapolis, Jermaine O'Neal had 25 points and 13 rebounds to offset a dazzling performance by friend and former teammate Al Har-

rington. Austin Croshere added 13 points, 13 rebounds and two electrifying dunks in the fourth quarter to help the Pacers ward off

the Hawks. Harrington, who spent his first six seasons in Indiana before being traded in the offseason for Stephen Jackson, scored 30 points on 12-for-19 shooting in his first game against his former team.

Wizards 110, Celtics 105 (OT): Antawn Jamison scored 27 points, Gilbert Arenas had 25, and host Washington shut out Boston for the first 4:47 of overtime.

Jared Jeffries added a career-high 15 points in his first start of the season. He also blocked a jumper by Paul Pierce in overtime and drew a crucial charge on Pierce in the extra period. Pierce led the Celtics with a season-high 37 points, but didn't score in overtime until making a three-pointer in the final 10 seconds.

Magic 107, Jazz 92: At Orlando, Grant Hill scored 32 points and Steve Francis had season highs of 33 points and 11 assists

Mostly shooting jumpers over Andrei Kirilenko, usually a dependable defensive stopper, Hill was 13-for-18 in his best offensive performance since scoring 36 points against Minnesota on April 10, 2000.

Playing a season-high 41 minutes, Hill added five rebounds and five assists

SuperSonics 79, Nets 68: Despite start-ing the first half 0-for-10 and the second half 0-for-8, Seattle got some timely of-fense from Rashard Lewis and improved the NBA's best record to 8-1.

Seattle's eighth straight win came on the road against a Nets team that had more fouls (29) than field goals (26) and commit-

Suns 95, Hornets 84: Amare Stou-demire's career-high 38 points — one night after he scored 34 at Dallas - led Phoenix over the winless Hornets.

The host Hornets attempted only two foul shots, tying an NBA low and breaking the team mark they set in Milwaukee on Saturday night when they took only three.

Heat 113. Bucks 106: At Milwaukee. Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 26 points, and Eddie Jones had 27 to help Miami beat the Bucks for the second time

in four days Dwyane Wade added 18 points and seven assists

Grizzlies 101. Trail Blazers 82: Bonzi Wells scored 25 points against his former team, and Memphis beat Portland for its first road victory of the season.

Pau Gasol added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who led by as many as 34.



Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups (1) shoots over Minnesota Timberwolves guard Sam Cassell on Wednesday

Warriors 98, Bulls 85: Jason Richardson had 27 points, eight rebounds and four assists, and Golden State beat winless Chi-

Speedy Claxton added 14 points and 11 assists before fouling out late for the Warriors, who won at home for the first time in four games this season.

Lakers 103, Clippers 89: Kobe Bryant had 23 points, six rebounds and a season-high 11 assists, and Chucky Atkins scored 12 of his 17 points in the first 61/2 minutes of the fourth quarter for the Lak-

The Lakers are 18-3 against the Clippers at Staples Center since the arena opened five years ago, and have a 27-3 record in the last 30 games between the teams

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SPORTS



Anthony cleared for takeoff



After having marijuana possession charges dropped, Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, left, scored 30 points against the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night, helping Denver win 112-106. See Page 46.

For Steelers, it's a fine line

Players say main reason for turnaround is effort of five guys in trenches

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - When the Pittsburgh Steelers vote for the team's most valuable player this year, a lot of ballots might be split five ways.

Even with so many players en-oying big seasons — Ben Roethlisberger, Duce Staley, James Farrior and Troy Polamalu - the Steelers agree almost unanimously that the offensive line is the main reason for their dramatic turnaround.

One season after the Steelers endured their worst season run-ning the ball since 1967, they are No. 2 in rushing — with only 20 fewer yards in nine games than they had in 16 last season. They're well down the list in sacks allowed, too, with only 15 25 fewer than the New York Gi-

Massive personnel changes aren't the reason for the upgrade; each of the five regulars started at least nine games last season ex-cept left tackle Marvel Smith, limited to six starts by a neck injury

So how could a line that played well below expectations on a 6-10 team last year be performing at such a high level this season on an 8-1 team?

"There's been a big emphasis on the run this year from the start." former All-Pro guard Alan Faneca said Wednesday, "We've been running the ball a lot and getting a lot of chances, and the running backs have been doing a good job of getting through the holes.

Last year, the Steelers aban-doned their long-standing commitment to the running game to emphasize quarterback Tommy Maddox's throwing, a byproduct of Maddox's strong production once he became the starter in 2002

This season, the Steelers have emphasized the run since the opening week of camp, when offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt didn't call a single passing play during the first three goal-line scrimmages against the defense

It's also helped that there have been no injuries since right guard Kendall Simmons (knee) was lost for the season early in camp.

Keydrick Vincent stepped in for Simmons after making nine starts last season and, along with an ever-improving Oliver Ross at right tackle, has stabilized what appeared to be a shaky right side

of the line. "We're all anchored in our spots for a couple of months now, and that helps," Faneca said. "It helps to know what the guy next to you is thinking. It makes life a lot easier out there when you can just let it rip.'

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